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MANAGEMENT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO: WESTERN COMMITTEE – MAY 2023 ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE ACTION/EMERGENCY SERVICES/RURAL BROADBAND

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1. Part 1 News & Updates

1.1 Climate Action

1.1.1 Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LACAP)

LA Climate Action Plans (LACAP) – Minister on 24th Feb last commenced the LACAP process. Plans must be completed and adopted within 12 months- this represents a significant organisational challenge.

Current timelines/milestones

- Establish the baselines
 - Climate Change Risk assessment (adaptation) – to be completed by 14th April.
 - Countywide baseline emissions inventory(mitigation)- Tier 2 (Tier 1 where Tier 2 data not available), to be completed by 14th April.
 - Decarbonisation Zone baseline emissions inventory (mitigation) - Tier 3 level
 - Complete summary report – to be completed by 14th April
- Public consultation on Summary report = to commence 24th April - legislation limits the consultation to not more than 2 months. We are proposing 1 month. Online consultation process will be put in place.

Community Climate Action Fund – € 1,241,000 of the €21M allocated nationally thus far has been allocated to CCC. Terms and conditions awaited.

Confined recruitment competition for **Climate Action Co-ordinator, Climate Action Officer** and **Community Climate Action Officer** posts have been advertised, closing date for applications 14th April, 2023.

Launch of LACAP Guidance Document– drafted by the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) the document was launched by Minister on 6th March last. Launch will be followed by a series of CARO organised training events to support newly appointed Climate Action Coordinators and Climate Action Officers in co-ordinating the drafting the plans.

CARO - Energy Manual for LA Municipal Buildings - An Energy Manual to assist Local Authorities in managing various building types has been published and is available via the Local Authority staff portal on the www.caro.ie website.

1.1.2 Minister Launches Climate Adaptation Strategy for Regional & Local Roads

On the 21st April last Minister Eamon Ryan launched the publication of the [Climate Adaptation Strategy for Regional and Local Roads](#), which sets out how vital roads across Ireland can be protected and reinforced proactively to withstand the impact of climate change.

Its publication marks a major milestone for the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO), of which Cork County Council is the lead authority for the Atlantic Seaboard South Region. For CARO it is the culmination of over 3 years of working with staff across the Department of Transport, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), local authorities and other key stakeholders to help deliver a sustainable future for our regional and local road network.

This Strategy document and its technical annexes will be used by roads practitioners throughout the local authority sector

The regional and local road network in Ireland consists of approximately 96,000 kms of roads ranging in type from minor roads serving a small number of isolated dwellings in rural settings, to busy inter-urban routes connecting large provincial towns. In total, the network carries almost 55% of all road traffic nationally and it therefore serves critical social and economic functions for citizens and the economy. More extreme weather conditions like high or low temperatures or flash flooding can have a damaging impact on our roads. Growing evidence over recent years has shown an increase in flooding, slope stability, damage to bridges or melting bitumen. This strategy document provides Local Authorities with a range of tools and measures to ensure that roads are protected from expected climate change into the future.



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1.2 Waste- Public Consultation on National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2023-2029

Have your say on the draft **National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2023-2029**

The public is being asked to have its say on the new draft plan that aims to tackle the significant challenges around all aspects of waste in Ireland. The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy is Ireland's framework for the prevention and management of waste and will cover the years 2023 to 2029. Considerable progress has been made in the management of waste in Ireland, and the previous Regional Waste Management Plans have provided a framework for these advances.

The plan aims to shift Ireland towards a more circular economy where resources are reused or recycled as much as possible and therefore waste generation is minimised. The plan wants to ensure that when a product reaches the end of its life, its materials are kept within the economy wherever possible. Products can be productively used again and again, thereby creating further value. By transitioning to a circular economy, we can reduce pressure on our natural resources, help achieve climate targets, support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and create sustainable growth and jobs.

To read the draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2023-2029 click [here](#).

The public consultation is open until **3rd July 2023**. Submissions or observations can be made online at www.mywaste.ie by email to submissions@nationalwasteplan.ie or by post to the Lead Authorities. Further info [here](#).



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1.3 Public Participation - Identification of Bathing Waters

Every year Local authorities (LAs) must identify official bathing areas in their area so that they can be monitored for safety, water quality and their level of use. To help with this process, Cork County Council are asking people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment.

Under European and Irish law, LAs must identify bathing waters each year so that these areas can be monitored to ensure they meet stringent microbiological water quality standards. In some cases, the official bathing areas are also the areas where local authorities focus their resources providing lifeguards during the summer season. LAs are also required to prepare detailed profiles for each of the identified bathing water sites describing not just the bathing area but also taking in the surrounding surface waters catchment area that could be a source of pollution. The profiles must include an assessment the risk of pollution and what action would be taken if pollution occurs.



Further information on Cork County bathing waters can be found on the [beaches section](#) of the council website.

To make a submission, please use the [EPA Guideline document for the public](#) along with the relevant application form included under Annex 1, which must be completed and returned with supporting documentation in order to make a fuller assessment of any submission.

If you wish to propose your favourite beach/river etc. as a new bathing water site or comment on an existing site please forward your submission using the EPA Guidance Application Document above to beaches@corkcoco.ie.

Closing date for submissions to Cork County Council is 28th September 2023. For further information please email beaches@corkcoco.ie.

1.4 Community Environmental Awareness Programmes

1.4.1 National Food Waste Recycling Week-5th to 11th June 2023

National Food Waste Recycling Week 2023 will take place from 5th to 11th June next. During this week, a national campaign will aim to encourage everyone to recycle food waste by providing practical advice along with hints and tips on how easy it is to recycle and get everyone involved.

Currently 160,000 tonnes of bio-waste are recycled in Ireland, it is estimated that there is the potential to increase this to 550,000 tonnes. Every tonne of food waste recycled instead of ending up in landfill can prevent about half a tonne of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere.

In Cork County we will be running events across all three divisions throughout the week. Venues and dates are yet to be finalised, but topics will include **Reducing Your Food Waste**, **Growing Food from Seed**, and **Composting**. To assist people in separating their food waste, a supply of food waste caddies, each with a starter pack of caddy liners and an information leaflet will be available at libraries across the county. The campaign seeks to help increase understanding and awareness of the role that we all can play in Ireland's circular and green economy.

Further information at [Mywaste-national food waste recycling week](#)



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1.4.2 Reducing Single Use Plastic - Skibbereen Rowing Club

Cork County Council Environmental Awareness Office supported Skibbereen Rowing Club in providing a mobile water station at Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, at the National Rowing Centre Cork, where over 1000 athletes participated, at a two-day event on 15th and 16th April last. In advance of the event, the club encouraged all athletes, spectators, and volunteers to bring reusable water bottles on the day in an attempt to reduce waste and eliminate single use plastic water bottles at the event. Approx. 700 litres of water was used on the day with 1366 cups distributed to attendees representing a significant reduction in the use of single use plastic water bottles.

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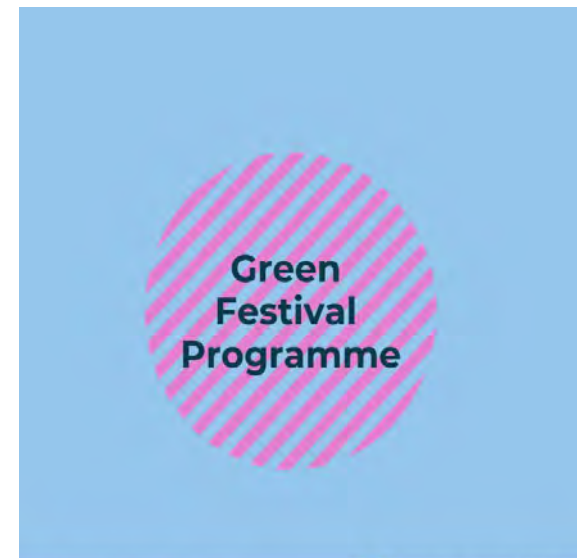
1.4.3 Green Your Festival Grant Scheme

Following on from a successful pilot in 2022, the Environment Directorate in partnership with the Tourism Unit of the Economic Development Directorate are running a Green Your Festival Grant Scheme. Closing date for applications was 28th April last. The grant (max €2,000 per festival) aims to financially support specific green actions - some ideas of initiatives eligible for funding are as follows:

- Projects that demonstrate reduction of single use plastic
- Supply free drinking water - Plan to make water freely available at events, in order to reduce single use water bottles. Encourage attendees to bring their own water bottles. Ask vendors to not sell water in plastic bottles.
- Pilot a reusable cup system for drinks to eliminate single use plastic cups
- Implement a waste segregation system and educate people to use the system properly
- Activities to raise awareness e.g. composting workshop; waste reduction workshop etc

Applications are currently being assessed.

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1.4.4 Creative Sustainability in the Early Years Sector

Cork County Council are delighted to collaborate with ReCreate Ireland and Cork County Childcare Committee as part of a Communities of Practice Event. A Community of Practice is a group of people who have a shared interest coming together on a regular basis to share knowledge and develop practice. The focus of this first event will be embedding a 'creative sustainability' mindset in the early years and school age childcare sector across Cork County. This community of practice programme, funded by Cork County Council and facilitated by Recreate Ireland creative artists and the Cork County Childcare Committee team, will support ELC and SAC services to develop confidence in their creativity and curiosity skills, explore inclusive open-ended play and provocations in the setting-all within the context of creative sustainability.



The programme will consist of:

- 1 x half day in person creative workshop in May/June for ELC/SAC managers who will be supported to instil a creative sustainability mindset across their service. Workshops will be held at 8 different locations across the county to ensure accessibility.
- 6 x monthly online creative webinars from July-December to build on the in-person sessions creating a network of services interested in continuing their creative sustainability journey.

At this juncture Cork County Childcare Committee are seeking Expressions of interest from ELC and SAC services who wish to take part. A booking process will then follow. Enquiries should be directed to eao@corkcoco.ie

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1.4.5 Relove Paint – 10 tonnes of unwanted paint diverted to reuse

The Relove Paint project has reached a significant milestone in surpassing the diversion of 10 tonnes of unwanted paint to reuse. Previously, collected at Cork County Council civic amenity sites, this paint would have been sent for incineration, at a huge environmental and economic cost. Paint is currently collected by three social enterprises (Cycle Sense, in Skibbereen, IRD Duhallow Revamp in Newmarket and Northside Community Enterprise in Cork City) from five Council civic amenity sites (Raffeen, Millstreet, Kanturk, Bandon and Derryconnell), with discussions underway to expand collections to further civic amenity sites in 2023. The social enterprises filter, remix and recolour the paint to create a low cost but high quality product Relove Paint. A new video showcasing the project has been developed and is available to view at <https://vimeo.com/814188727>. Further details at www.relovepaint.ie

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1.4.6 GAA Green Club Programme

The Green Club Programme is a partnership between the GAA, LGFA and Camogie and local authorities across Ireland. The GAA Green Club Toolkit is designed to support **GAA Clubs** in implementing simple and effective sustainability actions.

The Toolkit is divided into five themes - **Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity** and **Travel & Transport** - and each toolkit section contains practical advice and guidance tailored for GAA clubs as well as inspiring case studies from clubs from across the island of Ireland.

All Clubs can access the GAA Green Club Programme Toolkit at <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>.

A select number of clubs from across the country were invited to apply for seed funding and support to implement sustainability actions and report on them through this portal. The application process for this support has now closed and the names of the participating clubs will be released shortly.

Queries from Cork clubs, about the programme, are encouraged to contact eao@corkcoco.ie

Cork County Clubs participating in phase 2 include Castlemartyr, St Colum's, Kealkill, Youghal GAA, St Marys, Ballineen/Enniskeane, Youghal GAA, Kilmeen/Kilbree and Midleton



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1.5 National Broadband Plan (NBP)

1.5.1 Fibre Roll-out (BCPs)

NBI rely on their parent website at <https://nbi.ie/> to provide information on the National Broadband Contract. Websites <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> and <https://nbi.ie/nbp-project-progress/> provides greater detail on the roll-out progress to premises across the Intervention Areas.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications update on the delivery of the National Broadband Plan - January 2023 can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/15384-update-on-the-delivery-of-the-national-broadband-plan-january-2023/> and a screengrab from the NBI website at <https://nbi.ie/nbp-project-progress/> identifies that fibre deployment to 205K properties will be completed by end 2023.

Network build is substantially complete in Carrigaline, Midleton, Youghal DA's. Deployment is commencing in the Long Island & Hare Island DA's. Deployment in the Rathmore and Templemartin DA's is ongoing. Surveying works are complete at Kanturk, Clonakilty, Fermoy and Tallow DA's and on 3 of the islands. Approx. 81,000 premises across Cork County will ultimately benefit from access to high-speed broadband constructed under the National Broadband Contract and it is estimated 76,000 of these premises are in the Cork County areas.

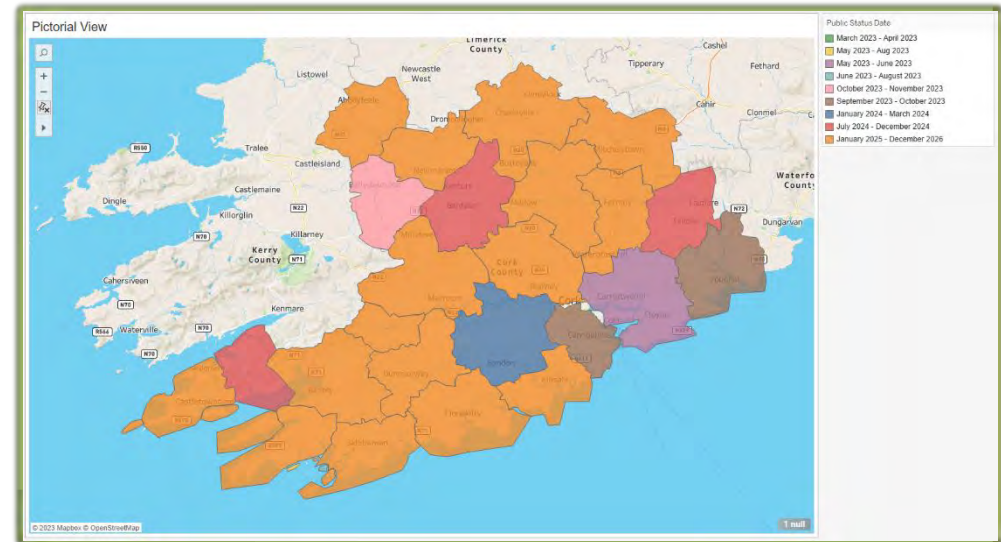
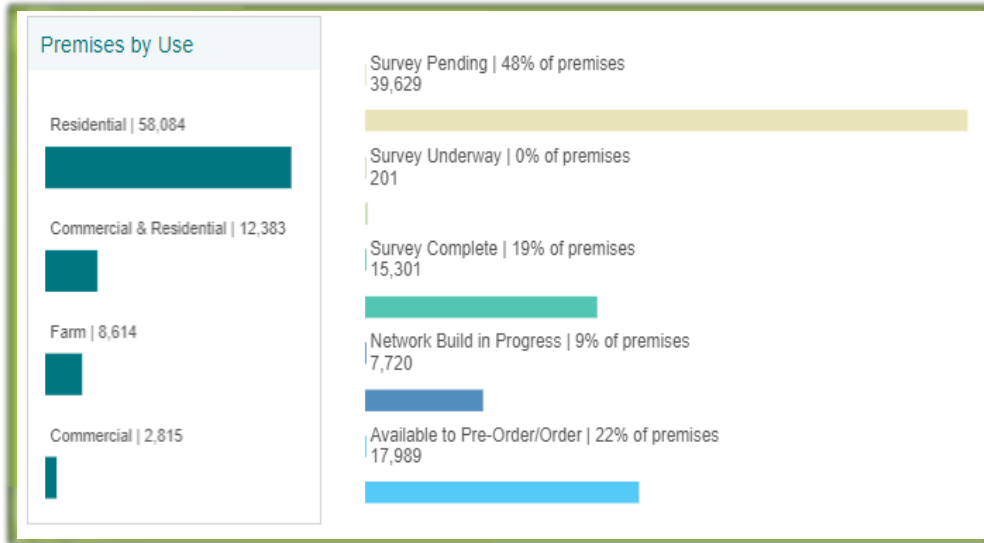
An overview of planned NBI broadband roll-out activity across the county is captured from the <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> website and is presented below with some key statistics for the county of Cork.



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Website <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> can be hovered over to identify status of the individual DA's. An overview of the present status and the roll-out per Deployment Area is presented in the table below:



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Deployment Programme		Status Key / Status Definitions			
Olt Name	Public Status Date	Survey Pending	Survey Complete	Network Build in Progress	Available to Pre-Order/Order
		Physical surveys are required to examine the existing pole and duct network for in...	NBI's detailed design process covers infrastructure, power and footprint requir...	After the designs have been approved, work can start on the ground. This includ...	Once the build is complete, an order can be placed with a broadband service prov...
*Additional Premises	March 2023 - April 2023				
ABBEYFEALE	January 2025 - December ..	45			
BALLINGEARY	January 2025 - December ..	848			
BANTRY	January 2025 - December ..	3,766			
Bere Island (CK)	January 2025 - December ..	240			
CARRIGALINE	September 2023 - October ..			155	5,540
CARRIGANIMMY	January 2025 - December ..	4,081			
CHARLEVILLE	January 2025 - December ..	2,242			
CLONAKILTY	January 2025 - December ..		5,759		
Cape Clear/Sherkin Island (...)	January 2025 - December ..	124			
DUNMANWAY	January 2025 - December ..	4,327			
Dursey Island (CK)	January 2025 - December ..		18		
EYERIES	January 2025 - December ..	1,486			
FERMOY	January 2025 - December ..		3,854		
GRENAGH	January 2025 - December ..	6,411			
Hare Island (CK)	June 2023 - August 2023		59		
Horse Island (CK)	January 2025 - December ..		7		
KANTURK	July 2024 - December 2024		3,888		
KILCROHANE	January 2025 - December ..	464			
KILLAVULLEN	January 2025 - December ..	3,225			
KINSALE	January 2025 - December ..	3,548			
LAURAGH	July 2024 - December 2024	398			
Long Island (CK)	May 2023 - Aug 2023		27		
MEELIN	January 2025 - December ..	2,035			
MIDDLETON	May 2023 - June 2023			83	8,275
MITCHELSTOWN	January 2025 - December ..		1,618		
RATHMORE	October 2023 - November ..			82	2,007
SCHULL	January 2025 - December ..	2,296			
SKIBBEREEN	January 2025 - December ..	3,635			
TALLOW	July 2024 - December 2024			853	
TEMPLEMARTIN	January 2024 - March 2024			6,323	
YOUGHAL	September 2023 - October ..			196	2,062

- Olt Name
- *Additional Premises
 - ABBEYFEALE
 - BALLINGEARY
 - BANTRY
 - Bere Island (CK)
 - CARRIGALINE
 - CARRIGANIMMY
 - CHARLEVILLE
 - CLONAKILTY
 - Cape Clear/Sherkin Island (CK)
 - DUNMANWAY
 - Dursey Island (CK)
 - EYERIES
 - FERMOY
 - GRENAGH
 - Hare Island (CK)
 - Horse Island (CK)
 - KANTURK
 - KILCROHANE
 - KILLAVULLEN
 - KINSALE
 - LAURAGH
 - Long Island (CK)
 - MEELIN
 - MIDDLETON
 - MITCHELSTOWN
 - RATHMORE
 - SCHULL
 - SKIBBEREEN
 - TALLOW
 - TEMPLEMARTIN
 - YOUGHAL

NBI continue to operate a dedicated e-mail service at reps@nbi.ie for Elected Representative queries and news items are published at <https://nbi.ie/news/updates/>. NBI advise of issuing news items direct to relevant Elected Representativ

1.5.2 Broadband Connection Points

A total of 25 BCP's are now completed across the county and are operational. Remote working is being accommodated at a number of BCP's. Usage of BCP's across the county approximates to 330 users per month.

The Council continues to support the Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) initiative and is co-funding the monthly broadband retail service costs at BCP's. Many of the BCP's availed of Town and Village funding support to purchase furniture and fittings to enhance remote working opportunities.

Grants under the €5 million Government Grant Connected Hubs Call 2022 scheme, totalling in excess of €110K, were received by Laharn, Bere Island and Castlelyons BCP's to add additional remote working infrastructure at the Broadband Connection Points (BCPs). These works were completed before end of 2022.

On 15th April, Minister Humphreys announced a €15M Community Centre Investment Fund to support community groups with the upgrade and development of their Community Centre facilities which may have become aged and dilapidated over time. Further info on the fund can be viewed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/fec91-community-centres-investment-fund/>. There was considerable interest in these grants and the successful recipients of funding are now announced.

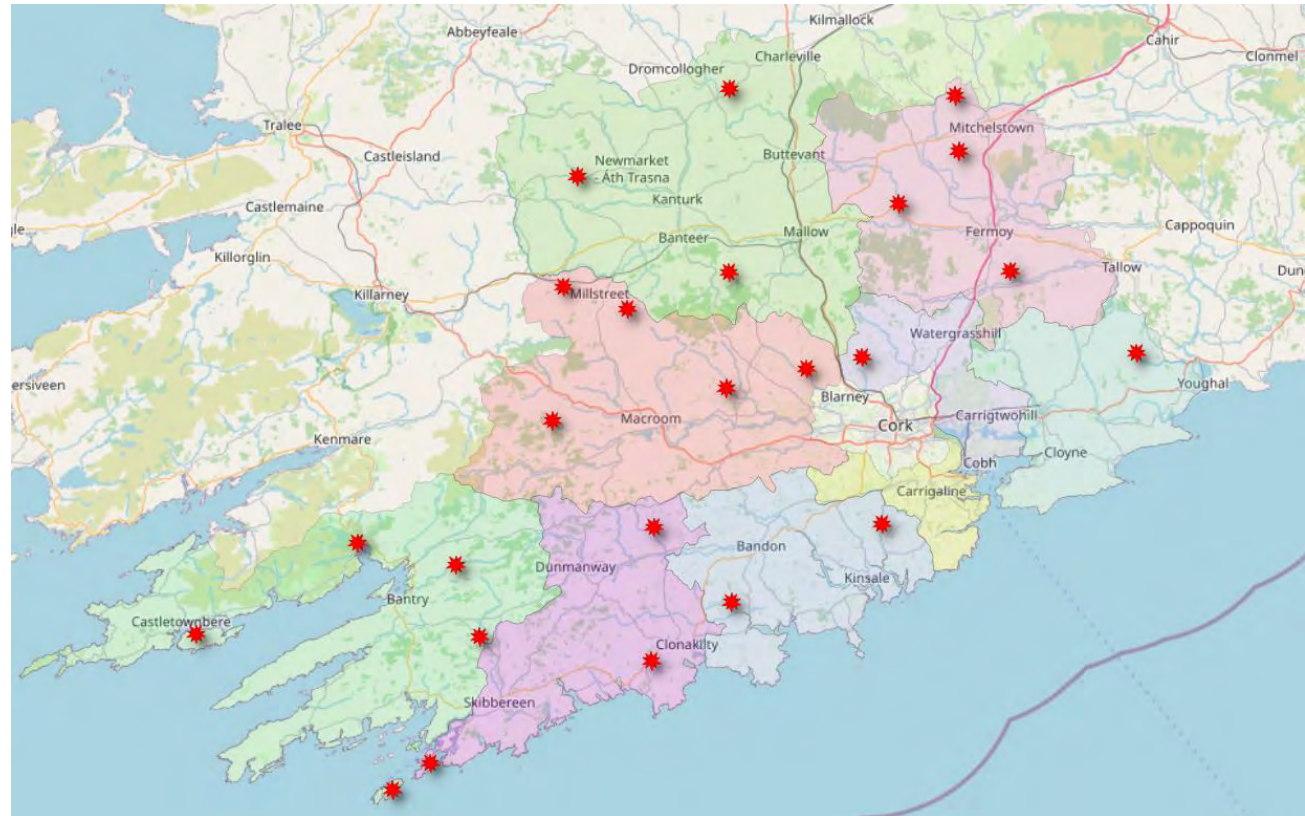
Across Cork City and County community groups will benefit to amounts of almost €4.7M for upgrade of their community centres. Community Centres across the county hosting BCP sites will benefit to amounts of €320K.

Aubane Community School, Millstreet	€16,000.00
Bere Island Old School Heritage Complex	€25,000.00
Castlelyons Community Centre	€22,628.25
Courtbrack Community Association, Gilough	€16,033.86
Diarmuid O'Mathuna GAA club, Castletownkenneigh, Enniskean	€16,117.00
Dromina Community Council Ltd, Newtownshandrum	€23,406.27
Whitechurch & Waterloo Community Association Company	€100,000.00
Riverstick Community Association	€100,916.73

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The list of BCP's is categorized by MD as set out below:

- Bandon-Kinsale MD
 - Clogagh Community Hall and Riverstick Community Centre
- Cobh MD
 - Whitechurch Community Centre
- Fermoy MD
 - Ballindangan Community Centre, T.O Park Community & Sports Centre, Castlelyons Community Centre and The Old Mill, Castletownroche
- Kanturk-Mallow MD
 - Glash School Community Centre, Laharn Heritage Centre and The Old Schoolhouse, Dromina
- Macroom MD
 - Aghabullogue Community Centre, Aubane Community Centre, Ballydaly Community Hall, Courtbrack Community Centre and Ionadh Áise, Renaniree
- East Cork MD
 - Inch Community Centre
- West Cork MD
 - Bere Island Heritage Centre, Castletownkenneigh Community Centre, Clonakilty ETB, Coláiste Phobal Cléire, Lisavaird Community Centre, Mealagh Valley Community Centre and Sherkin Island Community Hall, Caheragh Community Centre and Glengarriff Community Centre.



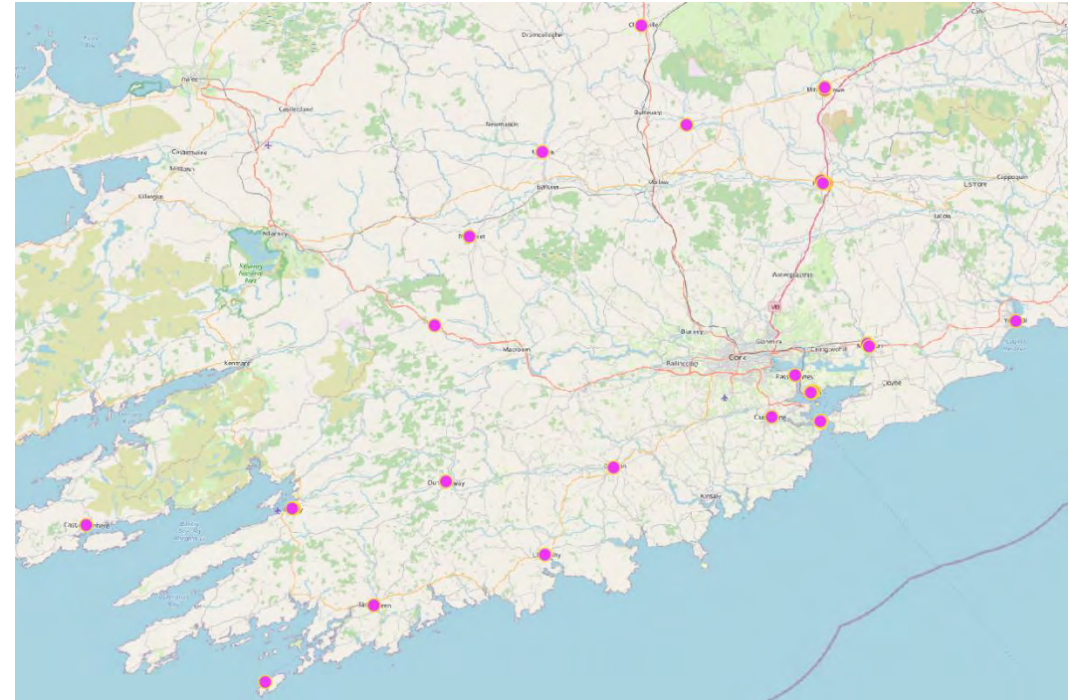
1.5.3 WiFi4EU Project

Under the WiFi4EU initiative, the European Commission wishes to promote free Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens and visitors in public spaces such as parks, squares, public building, libraries, health centres, and museums across Europe through the installation of state-of-the-art Wi-Fi equipment in the centres of community life.

County Council secured 4 vouchers under the WiFi4EU award procedures and each of these vouchers supports EU funded infrastructural investment. There is an additional commitment from the Irish Government to match fund the EU investment. Accordingly, the combined EU and Irish Government grant associated with the WiFi4EU scheme is up to a maximum of €120,000.

Cork County Council appointed Paradyn to undertake installation of access points across the county. Installation works are progressing, and access point installations are complete in Cobh, Midleton, Camden, Youghal, Dunmanway, Carrigaline and Kanturk. Draw down of funding associated with completed works has commenced and remaining installations are due to be complete in first quarter of 2023.

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1.6 Fire & Building Control

1.6.1 Delivery of New Front-Line Appliances

Cork County Council's Fire Service has taken delivery of three new fire engines to serve the communities of Fermoy, Carrigaline, Skibbereen and surrounding areas.

The fire engines were funded by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Each state-of-the-art fire engine can accommodate eight crew, has an integrated body, an 1,800-litre water tank and comes fitted with a water and compressed air foam pumping system. The appliances also carry a set of ladders capable of reaching up 13.5m in height.

Cork County Fire Stations in Fermoy, Carrigaline and Skibbereen serve a combined population of 70,000 people and respond to circa 400 calls each year. These new appliances will be the first turn out appliance for these stations. The continued investment in the modernising of the Fire Service Fleet in Cork County will ensure that firefighters are well equipped to respond to emergencies with the very latest in firefighting technology.

The county's Fire Service also took delivery of a specialised aerial high reach platform in 2022.

Based in Midleton, the appliance has a working reach of 28m facilitating access to high areas and can provide over 2,000 litres of water per minute at large industrial fires

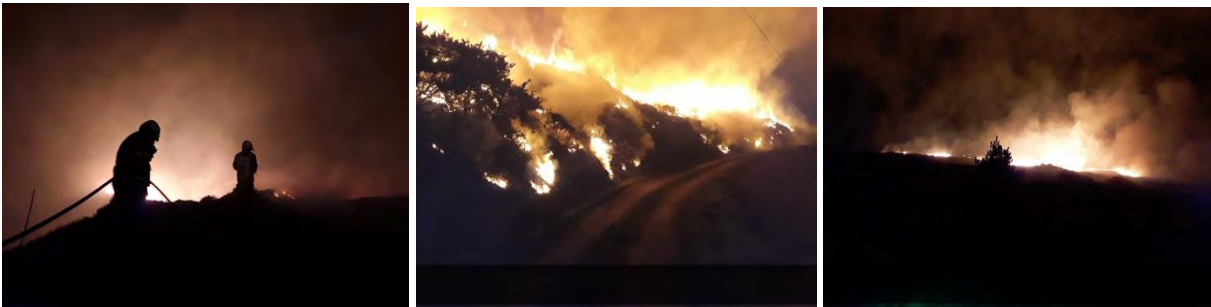


Pictured at the Cork County Hall were: Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Danny Collins, Tim Lucey, Chief Executive, and Seamus Coughlan, Chief Fire Officer. Image: Brian Loughheed

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1.6.2 Gorse Fires

From Friday the 24th of February to Wednesday the 1st of March Cork County Fire Brigades responded to 71 gorse/vegetation fires, these fires were primarily but not exclusively in the West Cork Area.



A selection of images from the recent spate of gorse fires in West Cork

Cork County Council wishes to remind all land and property holders that under the Wildlife Acts, 1976 and 2000, it is illegal to cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy, any vegetation growing on any land not then cultivated or in course of cultivation for agriculture or forestry between **1st March and 31st August** each year.

Uncontrolled fires pose a danger to wildlife, property, infrastructure, the environment and potentially, human life. They can be a significant and prolonged draw on Cork County Council Fire Service resources and may compromise their ability to respond to other incidents such as road traffic collisions or domestic fires.

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1.6.3 Controlled Burning- the Law!

As indicated in 1.8.1 above it is illegal under the **Wildlife Acts, 1976 and 2000**, to “...cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy, any vegetation **growing** on any land not then cultivated or in course of cultivation for agriculture or forestry...” between **1st March and 31st August** each year.

The burning of **any waste** - household, garden, commercial or industrial -is **also illegal** under the Waste Management Acts and related regulations.

An exemption under the legislation, which has in the past allowed farmers to - as a last resort - dispose by burning waste generated by agricultural practices **has now been ended** (subject to one final window from 1st Sept to 30th Nov 2023) – see Waste Regulation news item 1.4.2 above.

With the exception of the time limited window from 1st Sept to 30th Nov this year, **the burning of wastes arising from agricultural activities is now entirely prohibited** and farmers farmers are in future required to follow the long-established waste hierarchy i.e to reduce, reuse or recycle such waste arisings as appropriate.

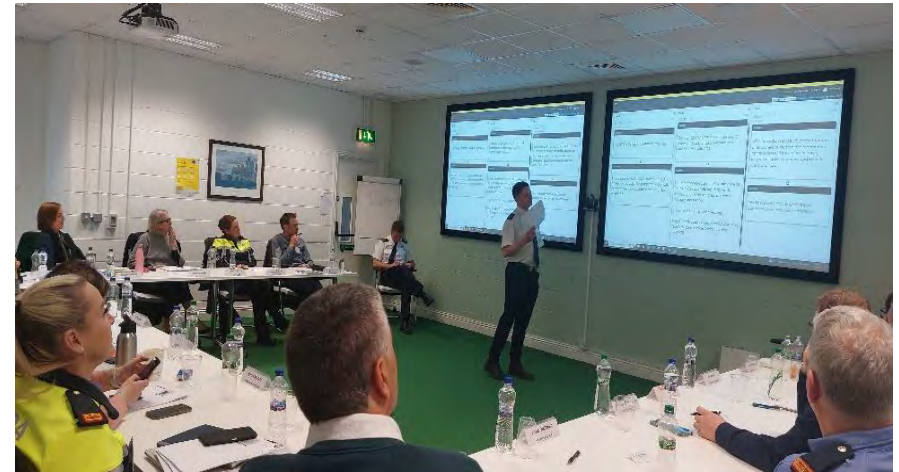
Note: *The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), recently commissioned a study to examine alternatives to the burning of agricultural green waste. On foot of that report officials from both DECC and DAFM are examining a range of measures to ensure that the appropriate communication, awareness-raising and knowledge transfer measures are in place – to support the agricultural sector in making a successful orderly transition to alternative sustainable management practices. A copy of the study report is available at [Here](#).*

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1.7 Emergency Management

1.7.1 Critical Decision-Making Course

Twelve key emergency management staff members from Cork County Council attended a series of one-day inter-agency Critical Decision-Making courses at the Hydra Command Development suite in Clonmel Fire Training Centre, County Tipperary. The courses aim to enhance the abilities of Crisis Management Team members, and deputies, by exploring critical decision making relating to their role in the event of a Critical Incident/Major Emergency.



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1.7.2 External Emergency Plan Test -Irish Distillers Ltd., Dungourney



A test of the Irish Distillers Ltd. (IDL) Dungourney External Emergency Plan took place on site on 15th March 2023, in line with the requirements of COMAH Regulations. The exercise tested a major accident scenario by simulating an activation of the External Emergency Plan for the site. This was the first live exercise to use an Electronic Information Management System (EIMS) in the Region. The EIMS facilitated the provision of graphical, real-time information to both on-site & off-site coordinators.

High performance satellite internet access was provided at this remote site by members of Cork County Council's ICT Department using a SpaceX Starlink system, allowing a successful execution of the EIMS and External Emergency Plan.

Cork County Fire Service tested tactical firefighting techniques using their Middleton-based aerial platform on the day.

The event was coordinated by the Inter-Agency Emergency Management Office and was well supported by the Health & Safety Authority, the Principal Response Agencies and IDL staff.

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1.7.3 External Emergency Plan Exercises

Preparations are underway to advance the testing of External Emergency Plans (EEPs) at two Upper-Tier Seveso Sites in County Cork; Calor Gas, Whitegate and BASF, Little Island. EEP testing is a requirement of the 2015 COMAH Regulations and is carried out at high-risk sites every three years. The exercises will be coordinated by the Inter-Agency Emergency Management Office and supported by the Principal Response Agencies, the Port of Cork and the Health & Safety Authority.



Following recent successful testing of an Electronic Information Management System (EIMS) using remote internet access at IDL Dungourney, the MEM South Regional Steering Committee have endorsed further tests at the upcoming EEP exercises. Cork County Council's ICT Department have recently been testing high performance satellite internet access at remote locations throughout the County using SpaceX Starlink systems. The upcoming exercises will provide further opportunities to explore our capability to quickly set up on-site internet access and communications when responding to complex emergency situations of extended duration that require off-site support.

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1.7.4 Cork Civil Defence attends St. Patricks Day Parade, Chicago.



30 members of Cork County Civil Defence travelled to Chicago from March 8th to the 14th to participate in the St Patricks Day Parade on March 11th.

Visits were arranged to:

- Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Services Headquarters
- Various Chicago Fire Departments
- Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

2. Part 2 Work Programme Reports for Q1 2023

(DATA IS UP TO THE END OF Q1 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

2.1 Fire and Building Control

2.1.1 Fire Operations for Q1.

Fire Operations	
Total number of turnouts to fires	318
Average of turnout times	296.00secs
Average of response times	1160.18secs
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	31.72%
% of calls with a response time of between 10 and 20 minutes	38.06%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	30.22%
Total number of turnouts to non-fire emergencies	232
Average of turnout times	309.49secs
Average of response times	786.41secs
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	36.41%
% of calls with a response time of less than 20 minutes	47.09%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	16.50%

2.1.2 Fire Prevention

Fire and Building Control Statistics Q1-2023

Fire Prevention

Fire Safety Certificates (FSC)

The following statistics relate to the number of Fire Safety Certificate applications received and the number of Fire Safety Certificate applications granted on a month-by-month basis during the period covered by this report. *(FSC received includes invalid applications. Decisions does not include invalidation)*

Month	No. Fire Certificates received	No. Fire Certificates decided
January 2023	31	24
February 2023	28	25
March 2023	22	38
Total	81	87

Building Control

Commencement Notices and 7 Day Notices

The following statistics relate to the number of valid Commencement Notices (CN) & 7 Day Notices (7DN) submissions received on a month by month basis during the period covered by this report.

Month	No. of Buildings covered by Valid Notices (CN + 7DN)	No. of Notices made valid (CN + 7DN)
January 2023	260	83
February 2023	208	81
March 2023	119	58
Total	587	222

NB : the difference between the number of Notices and buildings is mostly accounted for by housing estates.

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Disability Access Certificates (DAC)

The following statistics relate to the number of Disability Access Certificate (DAC) applications received and the number of DAC applications granted on a month by month basis for the period covered by this report. *(DAC received includes invalid applications. Decisions does not include invalidation)*

Month	No. Access Certificates received	No. Access Certificates decided
January 2023	31	24
February 2023	28	25
March 2023	22	38
Total	81	87

2.2 Civil Defence

2.2.1 Total Cork West Civil Defence Volunteer Hours for Operational Activities

March 2023 Operational Hours = 155 hours

- Clonakilty St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Skibbereen St. Patrick's Day Parade
- West Cork Rally - Sat 18th March
- West Cork Rally - Sun 19th March
- Charity Tractor Run

April 2023 Operational Hours = 30 hours

- Rosscarbery 5K Run
- South West Rowing Regatta

Cork West Awards Night

- The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Danny Collins, presented COVID medals and training certificates to members of Cork West Civil Defence at a ceremony on Friday April 21st.

Total Cork West Civil Defence Volunteer Hours Training

February 2023

Ongoing Training

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course: 3 x Students.
- Emergency First Responder Course: 7 Students

Completed Training

- 2 x CFR Community Responder Courses (16 Students)
- 2 x EMT Refresher Training
- 2 x Rescue 3 Swiftwater Responder Training
- 1 x EFR Refresher Training

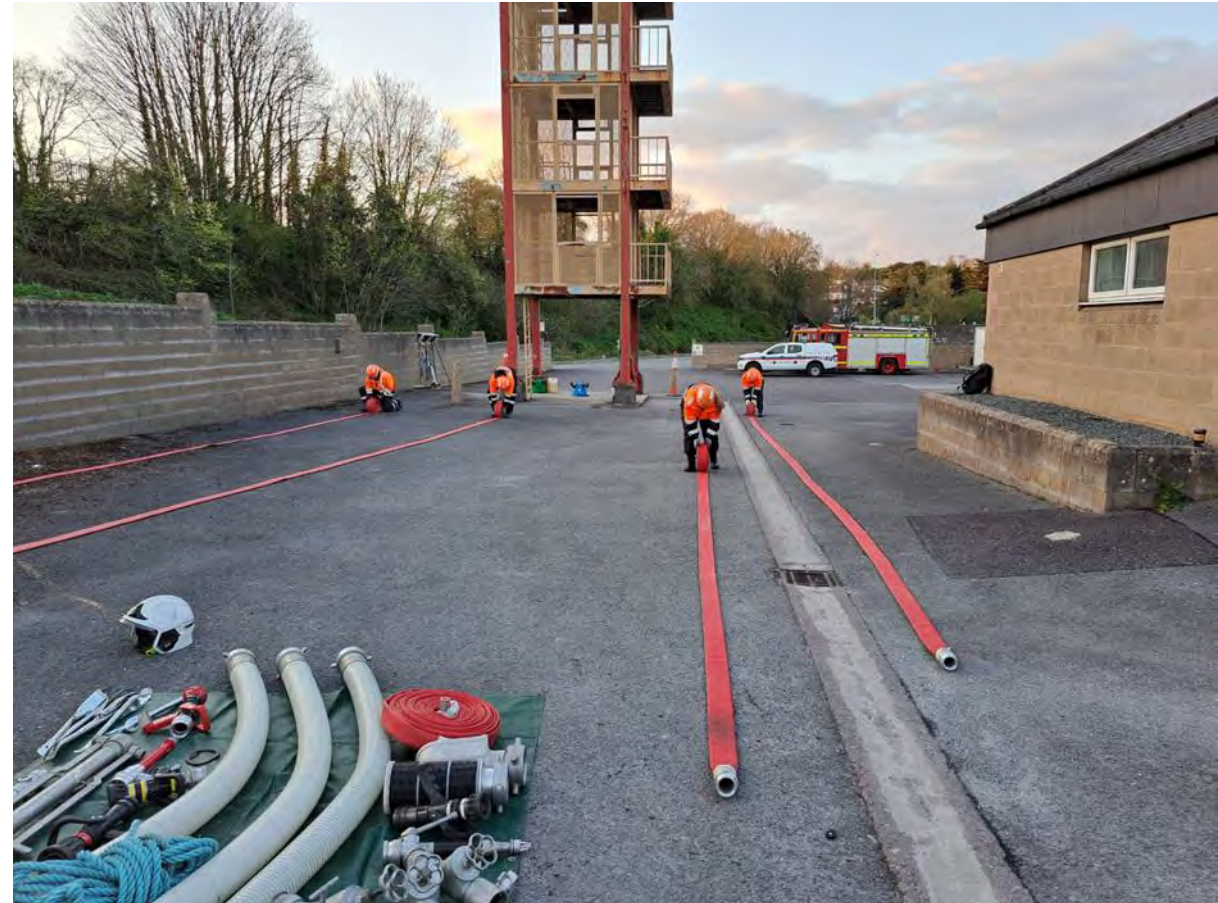
March 2023

Ongoing Training

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course: 3 x Students.
- Emergency First Responder Course: 7 Students

Completed Training

- 2 x EMT Refresher Training
- 1 x EFR Refresher Training



Pump Drill Training

April 2023

Ongoing Training

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course: 3 x Students.
- Emergency First Responder Course: 7 Students
- Flood Response Team Training on pumps and hoses: 8 students

Completed Training

- 1 x EFR MCQ assessment completed, OSCEs on Sat 29th in Roscrea.
- 5 x EFR Refresher Training



Civil Defence Support at Liscarroll Point to Point Races

2.3 Water

2.3.1 Public Drinking Water Monitoring Program 2023:

The planned public water supply sampling programme is progressing, and on target.

No of Public drinking water supplies	No of samples scheduled for 2023	No of samples taken by end-Q1 2023	No of parameters scheduled for analysis in 2023	No of parameters analysed by end-Q1 2023	% of parameters Compliant with Drinking Water Standards by end-Q1 2023
146	880	199	18,856	2,985	99.6
<i>Q1/2022</i>	912	229	19,474	2,632	99.3

***Subject to revision, based on updated monitoring requirements specified by Irish Water (including network closures/consolidation).**

Under the terms of our Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water, the Environment Directorate delivers an extensive sampling & testing programme in relation to public drinking water supplies. Summary data on progress against overall targets is given below. It is not currently possible to break this data down by Municipal District.

Detailed information on individual water supplies can be found at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/water-quality/>.

2.3.2 Private Drinking Water Compliance Monitoring



Covid-19 update:

Following updated HSE advise, sampling at nursing homes recommenced in 2022, subject to the incidence rate of Covid-19 at the time, as well as the agreement by management at individual nursing homes. In Q1 2023 priority was given to these nursing homes, as well as schools and creches.

Private WS supply type	No of drinking water Private supplies	No of samples scheduled for 2023	No of samples taken by end-Q1 2023	No of parameters scheduled for analysis in 2023	No of parameters analysed by end-Q1 2023	% of parameters Compliant with Drinking Water Standards up to end-Q1 2023
Private Group WS	23	46	13	736	208	97.1
<i>Q1/2022</i>	25	50	23	800	368	98.4 %
Small private supplies	396	245	64	4,410	1,152	96.8
<i>Q1/2022</i>	159*	194	62	3,686	1,564	98.3 %

* Number stated is number of supplies prioritised to be monitored based on a risk assessment (e.g. schools, crèches, nursing homes, etc.). This number may be reviewed during the year, depending on laboratory resources. Approximately 400 Small Private Supplies in County Co

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2.3.3 Bathing Water Compliance Programme 2022

Note: Bathing Season monitoring extends from mid-May to mid-September*. In addition to bathing water sampling and testing outlined below, the Water Quality Laboratory also undertakes environmental education activities as required by the Blue Flag rules.

Below table outlines the planned bathing water monitoring programme for 2023.

Total No of beaches in monitoring programme 2023	No of samples scheduled for 2023 Bathing water Season (May – Sept)	No of samples taken 2023	No. of compliant samples <i>E.Coli <500 AND I. Enterococci <100</i>	No of non-compliant samples 2023 <i>E. coli > 500 OR I. Enterococci >100</i>
29	155	n/a*	n/a*	n/a*
By End – 2022	177	202	197	5

2.3.4 Bathing water quality status for Identified & Blue flag beaches

Municipal District	Identified Bathing water	2023 Blue Flag Award	2022 Blue Flag Award	2021 Blue Flag Award	2021 Bathing water status (2017-2020 results)	2022 Bathing water status (2018-2021 results)	2023 Bathing water status*
Bandon/Kinsale	Coolmaine	Not BF	No	Not BF	Good	Good	Good
	Garrylucas	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Garretstown	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Carrigaline	Fountainstown	TBC	Yes	Not BF	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
East Cork	Garryvoe	No	No	No	Sufficient	Sufficient	Good
	Redbarn	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Youghal Claycastle	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Youghal Front strand	TBC	Yes	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
West	Barleycove	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney West	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney East	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Ownahincha	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Tragumna	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Warren	No	No	Yes	Good	Good	Good

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11 Identified Bathing waters attained Blue flag for the 2022 bathing season - Barleycove, Fountainstown, Garretstown, Garrylucas, Inchydoney East, Inchydoney West, Owenahincha, Redbarn, Tragumna, Youghal Claycastle, Youghal Front Strand.

*The EPA is the sole arbiter of Bathing Water status, and this is based on 20 samples over 4 years. The status shown here is based on EPA/HSE criteria for assessment of a single sample

2.3.5 Bathing water quality status for Green Coast Awards & candidate beaches

Municipal District	Beach	2023 Green Coast Award	2022 Green Coast Award	2021 Green Coast Award	2021 Bathing water status (2017-2020 results)	2022 Bathing water status (2018-2021 results)	2023 Bathing water status*
Bandon/Kinsale	Oysterhaven	TBC	Yes	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Carrigaline	Rockybay	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Fountainstown	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
East Cork	Ring Beach	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inch Beach	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Shanagarry (Ardnahinch)	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Ballynamona	TBC	Yes	No	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
West Cork	Ballyrisode	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Cadogens	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Galleycove	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Garinish	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney East	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Red strand	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Dooneen	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Sherkin island	TBC	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

14 no. applications for Green Flag beaches submitted to An Taisce for the 2022 bathing season were awarded in June 2022.

*The EPA is the sole arbiter of Bathing Water status, and this is based on 20 samples over 4 years. The status shown here is based on EPA/HSE criteria for assessment of a single sample.

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2.3.6 Agricultural Inspection Program

No of farm inspections scheduled for 2023	Municipal District	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2023 to 31/03/2023	No of warning letters sent	% of farms with non compliances detected	No. of Cross reports to DAFM	% of farms with Cross reports to DAFM
885	Carrigaline	25	03	2	66%	1	33%
	Bandon/ Kinsale	75	19	2	11%	0	0
	Macroom	67	33	12	36%	3	9%
	Cobh	49	22	13	59%	0	0%
	East Cork	76	23	5	22%	4	17%
	Fermoy	145	20	8	40%	0	0
	Mallow/Kanturk	216	42	11	26%	6	14%
	West Cork	130	94	24	25%	11	12%
Total		783	256	77	30%	25	10%

The most frequent non-compliances detected during the farm inspections were as follows, (non-compliances with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations);

Non-Compliance	Number detected 1/1/2023 – 31/3/2023
Inadequate Soiled Water Collection & Storage	37
Inadequate Slurry Collection & Storage	32
Discharge with Potential to Impact Water Quality	33
Inadequate Management of Farmyard Manure	25
Spreading of Slurry/Soiled Water at the Wrong Times	8

Note multiple non-compliances on some inspections.

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2.3.7 Septic Tanks Inspection Programme 2023.

Municipal District	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period 2023	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken for period 1/1/23 -31/03/23	No of non-compliant systems identified	% non- compliances identified	No. of Advisory Notices issued	No. of Advisory Notices Complied with
Carrigaline	11	0				
Bandon/Kinsale	18	0				
Macroom	24	0				
Cobh	11	0				
East Cork	11	0				
Fermoy	18	0				
Mallow/ Kanturk	18	0				
West Cork	25	0				
Total	136	0				

Notes;

- Under the 2022-2026 Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems National Inspection Plan, (NIP), the minimum number of inspections has increased from 60 in 2021 to 113 in 2022 & 136/annum from 2023 -2026
- There is small variation between scheduled & actual inspections in some divisions in order to achieve required number of inspections in each risk zone, & to group inspections for more efficient work.

The 2022-2026 National Inspection Plan identifies 3 Risk Zones.

Risk Zone 1; These are areas where DWWTS pose a higher relative risk to surface waters. NIP requires 23 inspections in Zone 1 in 2023.

Risk Zone 2; These are areas where DWWTS pose a higher relative risk to private wells. NIP requires 91 inspections in Zone 2 in 2022.

Risk Zone 3; Zone 3 covers the rest of the country. NIP requires 22 inspections in Zone 3 in 2022. Sites for inspection have been selected in compliance with the requirements of the NIP.

2.3.8 Update on Septic Tank Inspection Program 2013 – 2022

	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period 1/7/2013 to 31/12/2022	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken to 31/12/2022	No of non-compliant systems identified	% non- compliances identified	No. of Advisory Notices issued	No. of Advisory Notices Complied with by 31/03/2023
Total	797	813	448	55%	448	409

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2.3.9 Update on Tracking of Compliance with Advisory Notices 2013 – 2022

National Inspection Plan Domestic Wastewater Treatment System Inspections			Number of Advisory Notices Complied with in				No of Advisory Notices Not Complied with by 31/03/2023	
Dates of Inspections	No of inspections	No. of Advisory Notices Issued	< 3 months	4-6 months	7-12 months	>12 months	>6 months	>12 months
1/7/2013 – 31/12/2014	146	79	25	19	17	17	0	1
1/1/2015 – 31/12/2015	99	58	9	19	18	11	0	1
1/1/2016 – 31/12/2016	102	68	25	16	8	18	0	1
1/1/2017 – 31/12/2017	112	63	10	17	2	25	0	9
1/1/2018 – 31/12/2018	60	21	6	3	2	10	0	0
1/1/2019 – 31/12/2019	60	31	8	12	3	8	0	0
1/1/2020 – 31/12/2020	59	32	7	6	3	12	0	4
1/1/2021 – 31/12/2021	62	37	8	15	7	3	0	4
1/1/2022-31/12/2022	113	59	15	21	3	0	2	18

Notes;

- We continue to engage with all householders who have not yet complied fully with their Advisory Notices.
- There are 8 notices not complied with for 2017. All 8 of these are in one location & are liaising with Irish Water re provision of public sewers.

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2.3.10 DWWTS Grant Payments by Cork County Council (to 31/12/2022) (note no grants have been paid ytd. 2023)

Grant Scheme	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
National Inspection Plan	2 Grants €3,151	8 Grants €17,185	9 Grants €18,282	6 Grants €15,031	3 Grants €6,867	4 Grants €7,177		1 Grant €5,000	8 Grants €22,560
High Status Areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	1 Incomplete Application	1 Grant paid €5,000 1 applications submitted, & approved, works in progress
Priority Areas for Action	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	2 referrals to LAWPro for Approval.	1 Grant Paid €5,000

Notes;

- Total of 43 DWWTS grants, worth €105,253, have been paid out since 2014, by Cork County Council.
- All grant payments have been recouped from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.
- The grant schemes for High Status Areas, & Priority Areas for Action, were not available until 2020.

Key Message

Too much sludge in the tank is one of the reasons for non-compliance in over 50% of cases. Householders are encouraged to desludge their septic tanks using an authorized desludging contractor every 2-3 years. A list of local authorized desludging contractors is available from the Environment Directorate at Inniscarra.

2.3.11 Municipal Wastewater Sampling Programme

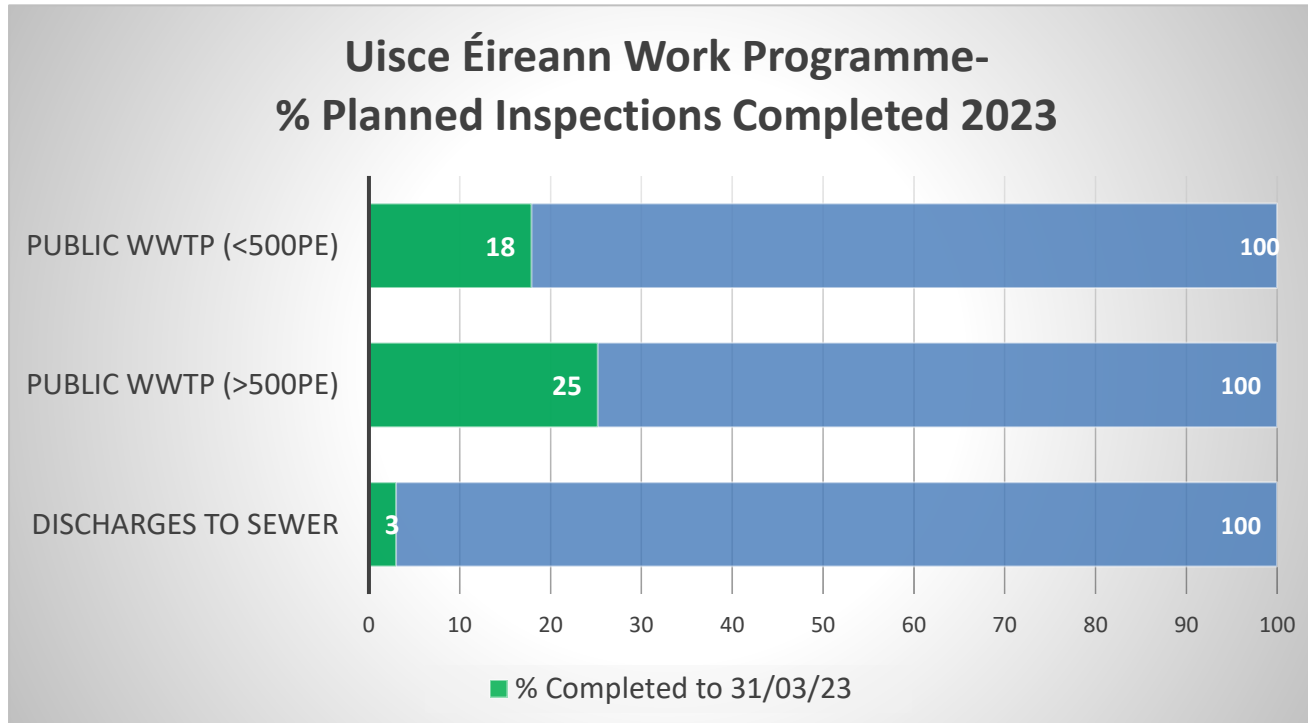


Figure 1: IW Work Programme- Inspections

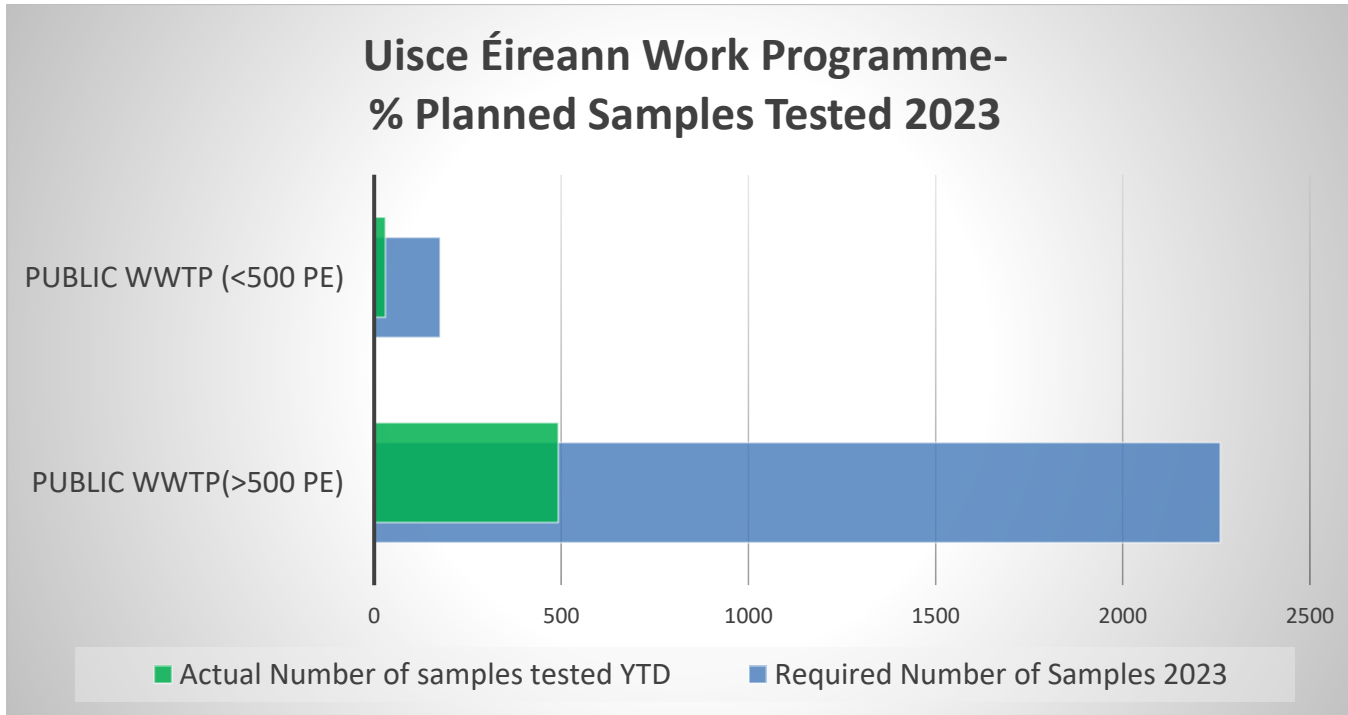


Figure 2: IW Work Programme – Samples

Under the terms of our Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water, the Environment Directorate delivers an extensive sampling & testing programme in relation to public waste water treatment systems. Summary data on progress against overall targets is given above. More information on individual municipal treatment plants can be found via the Irish Water website; <https://www.water.ie/wastewater/compliance/>. Compliance information for individual plants is available via the EPA’s website at <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/SewageTreatment>.

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2.3.12 Trade Wastewater Discharge License Inspection Program – S4 Discharges to water

No. of S4 Inspections scheduled		No inspections undertaken YTD				
	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Σ
Carrigaline	17	0	0	0	0	0
Bandon-Kinsale	18	1	0	0	0	1
Macroom	18	0	0	0	0	0
Cobh	10	0	0	0	0	0
East Cork	17	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy/Mitchelstown	13	0	0	0	0	0
Mallow/Kanturk	33	0	2	0	0	2
West Cork	30	0	0	0	0	0
Total	156	1	2	0	0	3
% Inspection plan completed		2%				

Note:

Staff resource issues have impacted Section 4 (private discharges) programme in Q1 2023. It is expected that scheduled Section 4 insprections will resume in Q2.

2.4 Air & Noise

2.4.1 Numbers of licenses under Air Pollutions Acts and related regulations

	Municipal District	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	+/- on Q4 2022
Licence Type							
Solvent Regulation Certificates (Dry Cleaners)	Bandon/Kinsale	4	5	5	4	5	1
	Carrigaline	3	2	3	3	3	0
	Macroom	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cobh	1	1	1	1	1	0
	East Cork	3	3	1	2	2	0
	Fermoy	2	1	3	3	3	0
	Kanturk/Mallow	2	2	1	1	1	0
	West Cork	3	1	1	0	0	0
	TOTAL	18	15	15	14	15	1
Deco Paint Regulation Certificates (spray painters)	Bandon/Kinsale	5	4	4	4	4	0
	Carrigaline	1	1	2	3	3	0
	Macroom	2	1	1	1	2	1
	Cobh	3	2	2	2	2	0
	East Cork	8	8	8	7	9	2
	Fermoy	5	5	5	4	5	1
	Kanturk/Mallow	6	6	6	6	6	0
	West Cork	5	4	4	4	6	2
	TOTAL	35	31	32	31	37	6

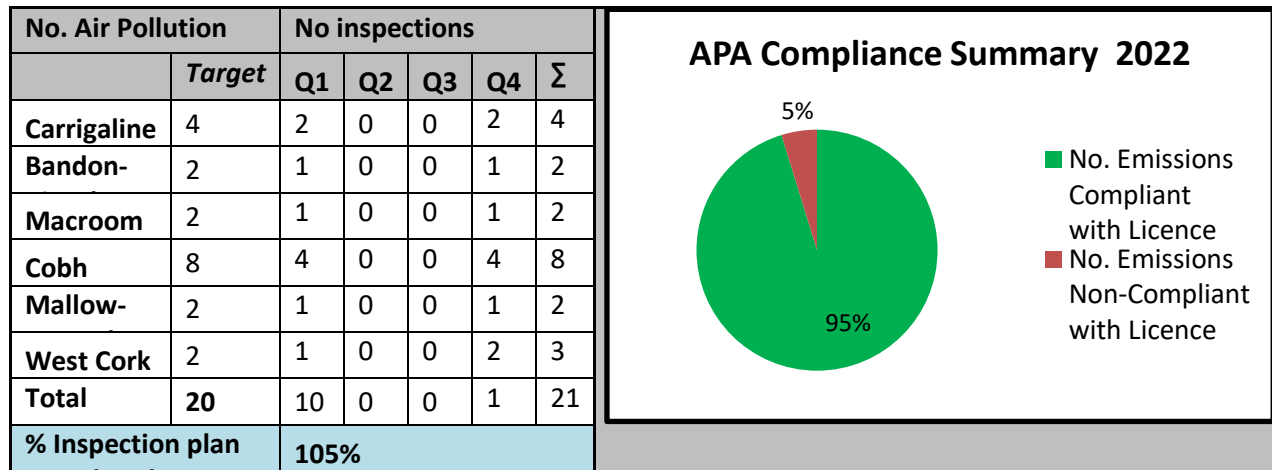
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Petroleum Vapour Certificates	Bandon/Kinsale	11	15	15	15	15	0
	Carrigaline	6	6	6	6	5	-1
	Macroom	14	12	12	12	12	0
	Cobh	8	9	10	10	10	0
	East Cork	10	10	10	10	10	0
	Fermoy	14	15	15	15	14	-1
	Kanturk/Mallow	9	10	9	13	14	1
	West Cork	16	18	19	19	20	1
TOTAL	88	95	96	100	100	0	
Stage II Petroleum Vapour Certificates*	Bandon/Kinsale	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
	Carrigaline	n/a	0	0	0	1	1
	Macroom	n/a	1	1	1	1	0
	Cobh	n/a	0	1	1	1	0
	East Cork	n/a	0	1	1	2	1
	Fermoy	n/a	1	1	1	1	0
	Kanturk/Mallow	n/a	0	0	1	3	2
	West Cork	n/a	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	n/a	2	4	5	10	5	

* Stage II Petrol Vapour Certification relates to the capture of vapours at petrol dispensers (pumps) during refuelling. Following the publication of an EPA guidance document in Feb. 2022, Cork County Council has commenced issuing such certificates.

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2.4.2 Inspections under Air Pollution Acts and related regulations



2.4.3 Solid Fuel Regulation Inspection Program

Year	No. of Inspections Planned	Advisory Letters[1]	Inspections carried out 2023	Non-Compliances	Warning Letters	Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
2023							
Q1	60	0	55	0	0	0	100%
Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q4	60	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Total	120	0	55	0	0	0	100%

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2.4.4 Solid Fuel Regulations -Mobile/Multi-Agency Checkpoints

Year	No. of Inspections Planned	Advisory Letters	Inspections carried out 2023	Non-Compliances	Warning Letters	Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
2023							
Q1	1	0	1	0	0	0	100%
Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q4	2	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Total	3	0	1	0	0	0	100%

Note: Coal Inspections occurs primarily in Q1 and Q4 each year i.e., during the heating season.

* New regulations governing solid fuels came into force on October 31st, 2022 and apply nationwide. Therefore, the distinction between Low-Smoke Zones and non-ban areas no longer applies. All inspections that took place in Q4 2022 are recorded in Table 2.2.1. Under the new regulations Cork County Council no longer has the power to issue fines.

2.5 Waste

2.5.1 Inspections 1st January– 31st March 2023

	Municipal District									Q1 Totals	YTD
	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Kanturk-Mallow	Macroon	West Cork			
Waste Enforcement Complaint Investigation	2	4	4	7	2	3	1	9	32	32	
Waste Presentation & Backyard Burning	2	0	2	6	4	1	0	3	18	18	
Abandoned Vehicles	3	2	0	1	7	3	0	2	18	18	
Article 27 By-Product	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	8	8	
Producer Responsibility (WEEE/Tyres/Packaging/etc.)	3	0	2	1	1	5	7	2	21	21	
Food Waste (includes domestic and commercial)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Vehicle Checkpoints*	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	4	
Other Waste Enforcement Inspections	14	5	9	14	6	6	5	25	84	84	
Total	25	12	19	34	20	20	13	42	185	185	

**Vehicle Checkpoint Inspections refers to the number of Vehicle Checkpoints carried out in the quarter. Each checkpoint is attended by multiple staff, and many multiples of vehicles are inspected.*

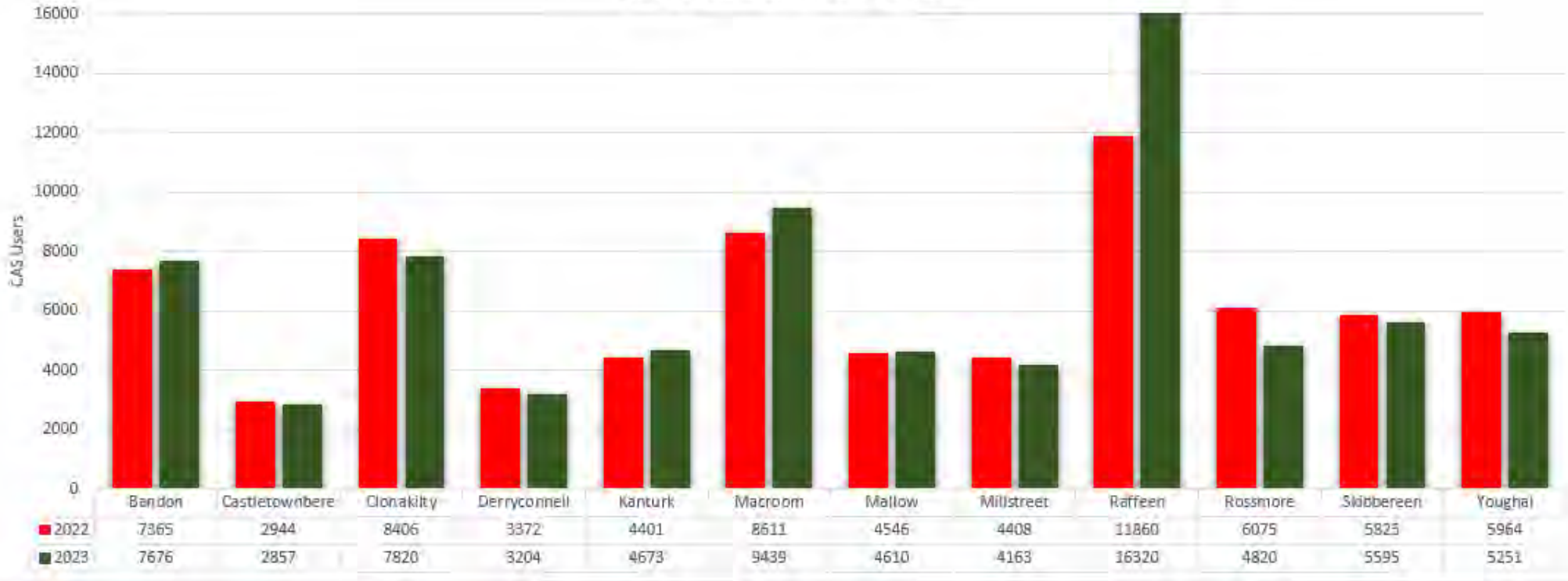
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2.5.2 Civic Amenity Sites

Zone	Location	Material	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	TOTAL	TOTAL
			Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	2022	2023
1	Castletownbere	Recyclables	77.60					77.60
		Waste	73.98					73.98
	Clonakilty	Recyclables	192.52					192.52
		Waste	142.18					142.18
	Derryconnell	Recyclables	92.54					92.54
		Waste	90.75					90.75
	Skibbereen	Recyclables	70.99					70.99
		Waste	43.89					43.89
2	Bandon	Recyclables	370.82					370.82
		Waste	179.54					179.54
	Macroon	Recyclables	238.28					238.28
		Waste	240.32					240.32
	Raffeen	Recyclables	610.04					610.04
	Waste	483.20					483.20	
3	Rossmore	Recyclables	308.93					308.93
		Waste	386.60					386.60
	Youghal	Recyclables	154.56					154.56
		Waste	221.48					221.48
4	Kanturk*	Recyclables	156.38					156.38
		Waste	181.52					181.52
	Mallow*	Recyclables	199.04					199.04
		Waste	202.28					202.28
	Millstreet*	Recyclables	168.13					168.13
	Waste	211.74					211.74	

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2.5.3 Decisions made Waste Facility Permit & Waste Cert of Registration Applications January 1st- March 31st.

Waste Facility Permit/ Certificates of Registration	Municipal District							
	Bandon -Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow- Kanturk	West Cork
Q1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1
Q2								
Q3								
Q4								
2023 Totals	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1
2022 Totals	3	2	2	5	2	3	3	4

Inspections 1st January – 31st March 2023								
	Municipal District							
	Carrigaline	Bandon / Kinsale	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Mallow / Kanturk	West Cork
Waste Facility Permit	2	5		1	1			3
Waste Collection Permit			2	1			2	2
Decisions made by the Waste Regulation Team under SI 821 of 2007 Waste Management (Facility Permit & Registration) Regulations								
Type	Period	Municipal District						
		Fermoy	Kanturk/ Mallow	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Bandon/ Kinsale
Waste Facility Permit/ Certificates of Registration								
Q1 2023				1	2	1		1

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2.5.4 Bring sites

Material	Tonnage Q1 2023	Tonnage Q2 2023	Tonnage Q3 2023	Tonnage Q4 2023	Total Ytd 2023	Total 2022
Glass Bottles	1,874.00				1,874.00	6948.37
Beverage Cans	27.75				27.75	99.29
Food Cans	35.22				35.22	105.85

2.5.5 Litter Fines - Environment Directorate Litter Wardens ytd 2023

MDC	Issued				Cancelled				Paid				Sent for Prosecution			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Carrigaline	0															
Bandon / Kinsale	1								1							
Macroom	1								1							
Cobh	2				1				2							
East Cork	1								1							
Fermoy	1															
Kanturk / Mallow	15								11				3			
West Cork	6								1							
TOTAL 2023	27				1				17				3			
TOTAL 2022	28	22	19	15	4	2	0	2	15	14	16	6	2	7	4	0

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*For data on fines issued by staff of other Municipal Districts see 2.5.7.

2.5.6 Litter Fines by Category - Environment Directorate Litter Wardens

Fine Category	Issued			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
LW detection via patrol or report Section 3(1)	22			
CCTV Section 3(2) b				
Duties of Occupiers Section 6				
Mobile outlets Section 15				
Unauthorised Sign Section 19	5			
TOTAL 2023	27			
TOTAL 2022	28	22	19	15

2.5.7 Litter Fines - Municipal District Litter Wardens ytd 2023 (Data not available)

MDC	Issued				Cancelled				Paid				Sent for Prosecution			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Carrigaline																
Bandon / Kinsale																
Macroon																
Cobh																
East Cork																
Fermoy																
Kanturk / Mallow																
West Cork																
TOTAL 2022																
TOTAL 2021																
Notes:																

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2.5.8 Anti Litter Unit & Other Environmental Complaints by Type

Type	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Air	32				
Noise	21				
Waste	394				
Waste water	21				
Water (to be categorised)	26				
Water Quality	34				
Total excl Dumping Line 2023	528				
Total excl Dumping Line 2022	516	448	438	330	1732
Notifications to Burn	45				45

2.5.9 Anti Litter Unit & Other Environmental Complaints by MDC

	Municipal District								Not Assigned MDC/ Not in Co.Cork
	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroon	Mallow-Kanturk	West Cork	
Q1	43	56	49	93	40	61	77	99	10
Q2									
Q3									
Q4									
2023 Totals	43	56	49	93	40	61	77	99	10
2022 Totals	136	231	146	210	164	178	234	289	144

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2.5.10 Total Prosecutions (under WMA 1997)

Q1	Municipal District							
	Fermoy	Kanturk /Mallow	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Bandon/ Kinsale	West Cork
COMPLETE		3			1	1		
PENDING		2	1		1	3		
TOTAL		5	1		2	4		

2.6 Veterinary & Food Safety

2.6.1 No. of Dog Licences issued

Licence Type	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. Issued as at 31/03/23	Total 2023	Total 2022
Ordinary Dog Licences	781	818	759	1009	1202	811	1165	827	7372	7372	29912
									An Post 4,960		
General Dog Licences	1	6	1	3	6	1	3	6	27	27	71
									An Post n/a		
Life Time Licences	20	21	22	22	37	14	61	44	241	241	855
									An Post 66		

Total Number of Stray Dogs Entering Pound /Surrendered /Seized for period: 1st Jan 2023 – 31st March 2023 : 40

Total No. Rehomed / Reclaimed: 32 Total No. Euthanised: 8

Please note not all returns are in yet for this Qtr .

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2.6.2 No. of Dog Fines Issued

Licence Type	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. Issued as @ 31/03/23	Total 2022
Fines Issued	1	6	1	10	13	1	12	10	54	277
Section 16(1) notices issued	27	28	26	34	41	28	39	29	252	1878
Prosecutions issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	11	63

2.6.3 No. of Registered Dog Breeding Establishments

Type of DBE	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total No. of Registered Establishments as at 31/03/23	Total 2022
Commercial Dog Breeders	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	10	10
Hunt/Harrier	1	4	0	3	3	5	0	4	20	20
Boarding Kennels	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	6	6
Charities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. Establishments.	1	5	0	3	8	9	4	6	36	37

2.6.4 Approved/Registered Food Premises

Type of premises	Cork City	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total 31/03/23	Total Year End 2022
Slaughter houses (Active)	2	0	0	0	3	1	5	9	1	21	22
Slaughter houses (Inactive)	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	7
Meat Manf. Premises	16	1	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	29	30
Reg'd Premises	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	10	10
Totals	18	1	6	3	5	6	10	16	2	67	69

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2.6.5 Control of Horses

Category	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total as @ 31/03/23	Total 2022
Number of Stray Horses collected	0	1	0	2	13	2	0	0	18	21
Number Reclaimed	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	6
Number Rehomed (Rescues/Charities)	0	1	0	2	10	2	0	0	15	15
Number Euthanised at Pound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number to Sanctuaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. at Pound 31/03/23	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
No. Aborted Trips	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6

*Note: Total recoupment payable by DAFM to LAs for horses for collection to disposal from 1st Jan, 2015 is €375 (Circular 2 2014 - reduction of €75).

2.7 Energy Management *(an update for Q1-2023 is pending and will be issued as a supplementary when available.)*

2.8 Green Schools Programme

54 schools in Cork County were awarded with Green Flags in a virtual awards ceremony on 25th May 2022. In total, 641 schools were awarded flags across the country. A special mention this year goes to Muinefliuch National School who was selected as the winner of the Overall Global Citizenship Litter & Waste award.

School Name	School Type	Current Flag	Theme
Knocknagree NS	Primary School	First Flag	Litter and Waste
Ahiohill National School Enniskeane	Primary School	First Flag	Litter and Waste
Coláiste Fionnchua Mitchelstown	Secondary School	First Flag	Litter and Waste
Scoil Bhride Rathcormac	Primary School	5th Renewal	Litter and Waste
Bandon Grammar School	Secondary School	2nd Renewal	Water
Conna N.S	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Water
Boherbue N.S Mallow	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Water

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School Name	School Type	Current Flag	Theme
Cloughduv N.S. Crookstown	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Water
Dunderrow National School, Kinsale	Primary School	1st Renewal	Water
Hamilton High School, Bandon	Secondary School	1st Renewal	Water
Scoil Mhuire Araglin, Kilworth	Primary School	1st Renewal	Water
Burnfort National School	Primary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Convent of Mercy N.S., Mallow	Primary School	4th Renewal	Travel
Killavullen N.S., Mallow	Primary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Midleton College	Secondary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Scoil Mhuire na nGrást, Belgooly	Primary School	4th Renewal	Travel
Scoil Realt Na Mara, Ballycotton	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Travel
St. Colman's B.N.S, Kanturk	Primary School	4th Renewal	Travel
Whitegate Mixed N.S. Midleton	Primary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Ardagh B.N.S., Rosscarbery	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Bandonbridge N.S., Bandon	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Ballygiblin National School, Mitchelstown	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Carraignafof Community College	Secondary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Carriganima N.S., Macroom	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Castletownroche N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Curraghagalla N.S. Kilworth	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Dromahane N.S. Mallow	Primary School	5th Renewal	Biodiversity
Giggles Childcare Services Ltd	Pre-School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Kilbrittain N.S., West Cork	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Meelin N.S., Newmarket	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Shanballymore N.S., Mallow	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
St. Brendan's N.S., Newmarket	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Timoleague National School	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Castlelack N.S., Bandon	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Drinagh N.S., Dunmanway	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Glenville N.S.	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Kilcoe N.S., Skibbereen	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Muinefluich N.S., Macroom	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Ringaskiddy Lower Harbour N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
S.N Bhorainn, Berrings	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste

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School Name	School Type	Current Flag	Theme
Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa, Castletownbere	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil Bhríde, Ballydehob	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil Eoin Naofa, Ballyclough	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil na mBuachaillí, Clonakilty	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
St. Multose N.S., Kinsale	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Bright Sparks, Mitchelstown	Pre-School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
Knockskeagh N.S., Clonakilty	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
Newmarket Boys N.S	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
Our Lady of Mercy N.S., Bantry	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
St. Patrick's B.N.S	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
St. Joseph's Infant School, Charleville	Primary School	7th Renewal	GC Marine
St. Mary's N.S., Cobh	Primary School	7th Renewal	GC Marine
Walterstown N.S., Cobh	Primary School	7th Renewal	GC Marine
Gaelscoil De hIde, Fermoy	Primary School	8th Renewal	GC Travel

An Taisce who deliver the Green Schools programme on council's behalf have commenced engagement with schools on the 2022/2023 programme

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