

#### MANAGEMENT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO: NORTHERN COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 2022 ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE ACTION/EMERGENCY SERVICES/RURAL BROADBAND

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# 1. Part 1 News & Updates

### **1.1** EPA Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems Inspections Report 2021.

There are nearly half a million domestic wastewater systems in Ireland, mostly septic tank systems, (including approx. 60,000 in Co. Cork). If not constructed and maintained properly, faulty systems can contaminate groundwater including household wells with harmful bacteria and viruses and pose a significant risk to public health. Householders with private wells should have their wells tested at least once a year. Nitrogen and phosphorus in septic tank effluent can also cause water pollution. Septic tanks must be maintained & desludged regularly.

The EPA's **National Inspection Plan for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems 2022 - 2026** requires all Local Authorities to carry out septic tank inspections on a risk basis. Inspections are focused near rivers where there is greater risk to water quality, and areas with shallow soils where there is greater risk to household wells. The overall number of inspections undertaken is small, although the current plan does require increased inspections and enforcement to ensure failed systems are fixed. In Co. Cork inspection numbers under the Plan have increased from 60 in 2021 to 113 in 2022 and up to 136 per annum for 2023-2026.



The EPA recently released its annual "septic tank" report on the inspections carried out by local authorities. Although the number of inspections carried out is small in the context of the overall number of such systems, the results are likely indicative of the position with septic tanks in general

The report found that of the inspections carried out by local authorities, over half (53%) of septic tank systems failed inspection in 2021, (60% failed in Co. Cork). This is broadly consistent with results in previous years.

In terms of addressing the problems identified;

- Nationally 75% of systems which failed inspection between 2013 & 2021 had been fixed by 31/12/2021, but delays in resolving older failures is a concern.
- In Co. Cork 86% of systems which failed inspection between 2013 & 2021, (389 systems failed inspection), had been fixed by 31/12/2021, & 91% had been fixed by 30/6/2022.

A limited grant scheme is in place. Subject to conditions, grants of up to €5,000 are available to fix malfunctioning septic tanks if,

- System was registered by the owner before February 2013
- Has been inspected by Cork County Council under the EPA's National Inspection Plan
- **Or is** is located in a **Priority Area for Action (PAA)** or in a **High Status Objective Catchment Areas** under the national River Basin Management Plan

Further info on septic tank grants is available here.

Grant supports for householders in relation to septic tanks has been the subject of discussion at recent meetings of full council and was referred to the Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for consideration. At their September meeting the SPC agreed that a recommendation be made that the Minister be asked to relax the requirement in relation to the registration of Septic Tanks and to broaden the scope and availability of grant support for the renewal and repair of septic tanks generally.

Further information and guidance on septic tanks is available on the EPAs website at <u>Septic tanks | Environmental Protection Agency (epa.ie)</u>, while info on private wells can be found at <u>https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/drinking-water/</u>

You can also contact Cork County Councils Environment Directorate at 021 4532700, <u>environ@corkcoco.ie</u>, or <u>septictankgrants@corkcoco.ie</u> for further information and assistance.

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### **1.2** Waste Management

#### **1.2.1** Best Practice Guidelines for Construction & Demolition (C&D) Projects

Updated Best Practice Guidelines on the preparation of Waste Management Plans for C&D Project have been published by EPA - Resources | Environmental Protection Agency (epa.ie)

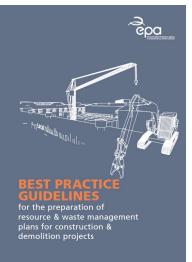
The objective of the updated guidelines is to promote the use of circular design and construction principles in line with the EU and national Circular Economy objectives.

Training in the application of these guidelines will be developed by the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) soon.

### **1.2.2** Development of End-of-waste criteria for recycled aggregates

End-of-waste criteria determine when a **material ceases to be classified as a waste**, allowing it to be marketed for use as a 'product', on an equal footing to non-waste derived products. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the competent authority in Ireland for decisions relating to end-of-waste criteria.

While to date, the EPA has made a small number of single-case decisions on end-of-waste applications for various materials, the decisions have related to specific operators only. To date, no national-level end-of-waste criteria have been made in Ireland.



A significant proportion of end-of-waste applications that the Agency has on hand relate to recycled aggregates. The failure to develop national level general end-of wastecriteria for c&d waste has been raised many times by elected members and the EPA have acknowledged that the number of applications on hand is unsustainable, given the Agency's current resources which they also acknowledge is unsatisfactory for applicants and other stakeholders. The Agency have announced that it's prioritising the development of national-level end-of-waste criteria for recycled aggregates with the ambition of notifying the European Commission of a draft decision towards the latter part of this year.

This issue was discussed at a meeting of the Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity SPC on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September last, and while committee members welcomed the EPA's announcement, they were nevertheless of the view that the criteria being prioritised were narrow and that a much broader range of national level end-of-waste criteria were required to support circular economy programmes. A draft notice of motion to this effect will be referred to full council shortly for debate.

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### **1.3 Climate Action & Energy Update**

**Local Authority Climate Action Plans** – Signing of ministerial order to commence process of drafting plans anticipated in September. Once order is signed LAs will have 12months to adopt a plan. In anticipation and to get ahead of the process we have appointed a consultant to gather some of the baseline data that will be required.

**Building Energy Audit** – work ongoing on the energy audits of a broad range of council buildings including a fire station, area office, administrative office, civic amenity site, library, and a machinery yard.

Indoor Lighting Project – LED rollout completed for 10 of 12 selected council facilities.

#### Climate Awareness- Sustainable Development Goals Week

Ireland's first annual Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is taking place from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.

Central to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations

must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all the while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. The SDGs build on decades of work by countries and the UN.

The Climate Action Unit will offer a number of events to support the SDG week which will be advertised closer to the time.



#### **Cork Cuts Carbon Campaign**

The libraries in conjunction with the Climate Action Unit intend to roll out a month-long calendar of events in November provisionally entitled "Cork County Cuts Carbon". This is in line with the public awareness commitments contained in Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy and Climate Action Charter. The initiative will see a range of talks, story-times, games, exhibitions and pop-up clinics taking place in libraries all over the County which will provide information on climate action to encourage engagement and behavioural change.

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### 1.4 Community Environmental Awareness Programmes

#### 1.4.1 Green Festivals Pilot Programme

This pilot aimed at improving waste segregation, reducing single use plastic and encouraging festival organisers to adopt a green approach generally has been implemented at a number of festivals this summer. Resources including Waste Signage, Bin Systems, Social Media Toolkit and Stakeholder Communication Packs have been developed and it is planned to make these resources available to other festivals and to grow the project further in 2023.



Segregated Bin Signage and Social Media Toolkit

#### 1.4.2 Anti Dumping Campaign 2022

An anti dumping campaign will run for a two week period starting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The campaign will run across a number of platforms including billboards in all Municipal Districts, radio advertising on Red FM, 103 & 96 FM and social media. The campaign assets were developed by the Regional Waste Offices and were made available to all Local Authorities to promote locally. Key messages of the campaign will encourage people to take responsibility for their waste, to dispose of their waste either by kerb site collections or at civic amenity sites as well as asking them to report illegal dumping to the anti litter unit. Keep an eye out for the campaign and engage with us on social media by liking and sharing the posts. Below is an example of the promotional materials developed.



Dumping waste is a crime. Let's all take responsibility.

**#StopIllegalDumping** 

Report Illegal Dumping Call: 021 428 5417 Email: antilitterunit@corkcoco.ie



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## 1.5 Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) updates

### 1.5.1 The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022

The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 has has become law, underpinning Ireland's shift from a "take-make-waste" linear model to a more sustainable pattern of production and consumption, that retains the value of resources in our economy for as long as possible and that will to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

A significant action provided for, under the new legislation, will see Local Authorities empowered to use GDPR-compliant technologies such as CCTV to detect and prevent unsightly and illegal dumping and littering. Take following Link for further information on the Act.

#### 1.5.2 Single-use coffee cups

Regulations to apply levy (and what rate) are being drafted and will be the subject of consultation shortly.

#### 1.5.3 Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Ireland for plastic bottles and aluminium cans

DRSI (Deposit Return Scheme Ireland) CLG is a new, not-for-profit company set up by producers. DRSI will be the operator of the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), their application having been approved by the Minister in July last.

DRSI's approval provides a vital foundational element of the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) project. This gives DRSI the legal standing to establish and develop a DRS in cooperation with producers and retailers.

The DRS project will be launched in October of this year & DRSI will progress the development and rollout of bespoke IT, financial and reverse vending machine infrastructure over the course of 2023.

#### 1.5.4 Repak ELT to adopt new brand identity

REPAK ELT who have been operating the end of life tyre (ELT) scheme is rebranding to Circol ELT.

Circol confirms the schemes continued commitment to the circular economy and sustainability in the waste management sector. The changeover from Repak ELT to Circol ELT commenced in July and is due for completion by end of September 2022.



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# 2. Part 2 Work Programme Reports for Q2 2022

(DATA IS UP TO THE END OF Q2 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

# 2.1 Fire & Building Control

#### 2.1.1 Fire Operations

Fire Operations	
Total number of turnouts to fires	248
Average of turnout times	291.86secs
Average of response times	859.61secs
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	35.53%
% of calls with a response time of between 10 and 20 minutes	43.15%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	21.32%
Total number of turnouts to non-fire emergencies	239
Average of turnout times	286.86secs
Average of response times	888.12secs
% of calls with a response time of less than 10 minutes	26.57%
% of calls with a response time of less than 20 minutes	51.69%
% of calls with a response time greater than 20 minutes	21.74%

\* The Munster Regional Communications Centre recently changed data recording systems. Comparative data for 2021 is not currently available.

### 2.1.2 Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention								
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-								
month basis during the period covered by this report.								
	Month	No. Fire Certificates received	No. Fire Certificates decided					
	April 2022	22	34					
1	May 2022	45	29					
L	lune 2022	45	21					
1	Fotal	112	84					

#### 2.1.3 Building Control

**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.

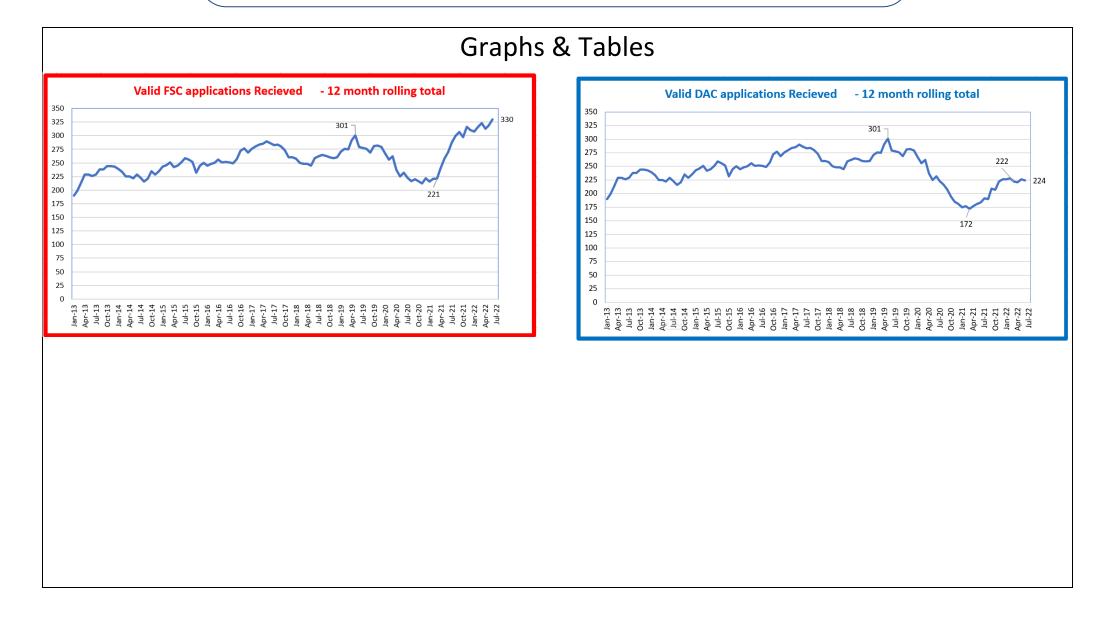
Month	No. of Buildings covered by Valid Notices (CN + 7DN)	No. of Notices made valid (CN + 7DN)
April 2022	310	98
May 2022	203	121
June 2022	247	107
Total	760	326

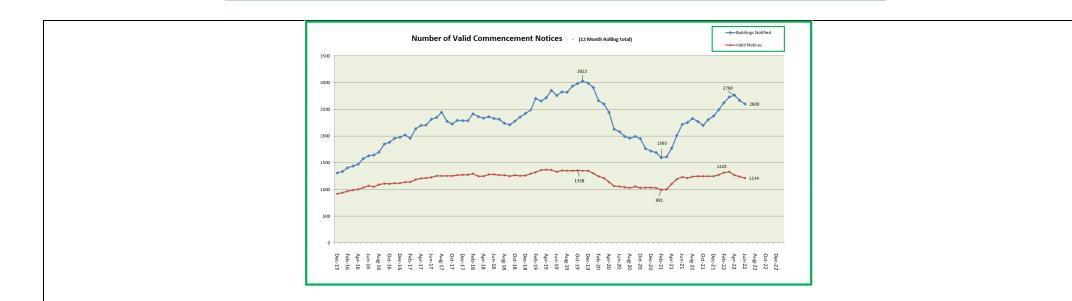
NB : the difference between the number of Notices and buildings is mostly accounted for by housing estates.

#### **Disability Access Certificates (DAC)**

The following statistics relate to the number of Disability Access Certificate applications received and the number of Disability Access Certificate applications granted on a month by month basis for the period covered by this report.

Month	No. Access Certificates	No. Access Certificates
	received	decided
April 2022	16	21
May 2022	31	29
June 2022	23	20
Total	70	70





	-	Buildings	- Per Mon	th								Notices -	Submitted	Per Mont	h		_
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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	202
January	62	87	133	134	200	115	88	204	January	50	70	94	93	128	82	72	94
February	98	169	106	234	448	204	110	243	February	67	91	90	110	137	83	50	95
March	89	120	300	245	200	136	151	257	March	63	88	136	88	133	96	105	11
April	139	176	232	205	265	111	277	310	April	87	95	117	120	126	54	158	98
May	97	201	209	235	376	59	292	203	May	74	111	117	146	137	59	147	12
June	118	174	284	250	151	106	318	247	June	86	121	130	134	101	95	132	10
July	168	176	208	195	262	170	200	-	July	121	99	127	112	138	124	105	-
August	111	168	266	189	181	149	226	-	August	70	111	116	112	104	90	117	-
September	152	305	132	103	221	258	205		Septemb	e 88	106	106	91	93	119	125	-
October	138	170	124	197	245	205	128	-	October	102	98	95	112	123	98	103	-
November	66	139	211	287	329	144	252	-	Novemb	e 66	81	95	81	73	82	80	-
December	69	89	82	145	111	57	125	-	Decembe	er 46	43	52	57	55	52	54	-
	1,307	1,974	2,287	2,419	2,989	1,714	2,372	1,464		920	1,114	1,275	1,256	1,348	1,034	1,248	630
Buildings - Per	Quarter								Notices -	Submitted	Per Quarte	r					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	202
Quarter 1	249	376	539	613	848	455	349	704	Quarter	1 180	249	320	291	398	261	227	30
Quarter 2	354	551	725	690	792	276	887	760	Quarter 3	2 247	327	364	400	364	208	437	32
Quarter 3	431	649	606	487	664	577	631	0	Quarter	3 279	316	349	315	335	333	347	0
Quarter 4	273	398	417	629	685	406	505	0	Quarter -	4 214	222	242	250	251	232	237	0

# 2.2 Civil Defence

Total Cork Northeast Civil Defence Volunteer Hours for Operational Activities

June 2022 = 385 hours

Banteer Rest and Glantane rest centres

- Dress beds in Banteer after been washed following departure
- Strip down and bag bed clothing for washing following departure from Glantane

Other Civil Defence duties included

- 2 Days IBTS Clinic Fermoy
- 1 Day IBTS Clinic Charleville
- Newtownshandrum road race Ambulance and 4 x 4 crew
- Ocean to city boat race Boat crew
- Cork City Marathon Ambulance crew
- Queen tribute band Concert Mallow Castle Ambulance and 4x4 crew
- Gareth Brooks Tribute band Concert Mallow Castle Ambulance and 4x4 crew
- Mallow Auto grass racing Ambulance and 4wd
- Assisting Cork City CD with Live at the Marquee Concert Cork
- Charleville Agricultural Show 2 days Trade Stands 14 volunteers for 10 hours over the 2 days.





Pictures from Civil Defence Stand at Charleville Agricultural Show

#### July 2022 =75 hours

Banteer rest centre

- Assisted in removal temporary flooring and tidy up beds and bed clothing following partitions been taken down.
- Millstreet road race Ambulance crew.
- Buttevant Medieval Festival.
- Cork 20 Car Rally Ambulance and Crew.

#### August 2022 = 234 hours

#### Banteer rest centre

- Reorganised the rest centre after flooring laid down, redressed beds
- IBTS Clinc Mallow 3 days
- Liscarroll Sports Day Ambulance crew
- Cork City West life concert providing Medical Cover
- Liscarroll 7 mile road race Ambualnce and Crew
- Bubble Run Cork Race Course Mallow Ambulance and Crew
- Doneraile Park OPW Music event Ambulance and Crew
- White church cycle racing

#### Total Cork Northeast Civil Defence Volunteer Hours Training

#### June 2022

- Multi Skill weekly training every Tuesday evening 12 to 15 Volunteers
- 5 students completed there EFR course and passed exams.
- Induction evening for New recruits.
- Pump Drill monthly training for 12 Students with local Fire Service station officer.
- Mx Map search software training for 5 trained operator.
- 1 Instructor completed People moving instructors course in Ballinasloe NAS training centre over 2 weekends.

#### July 2022

- Multi Skill weekly training every Tuesday evening 12 to 15 Volunteers
- New EFR Course commenced for 6 students
- 1 EMT Student passed the MCQ Part of his course.
- 7 New students completed CFR Course.
- 7 New Students completed Manual Handling Course
- Pump Drill monthly training for 12 Students with local Fire Service station officer.
- Mx Map search software training with Paul Brophy Technical officer from the Civil Defence College
- 1 student passed his People Moving Instructors course

#### August 2022

- Multi Skill weekly training every Tuesday evening 12 to 15 Volunteers
- New FAR Course weekly 7 New students
- New EFR Course weekly for 6 students weekly
- CISM and Child protection presentation for 7 New Students
- 5 students completed CFR Re Certification Course.
- EMT training weekly
- Pump Drill monthly training for 12 Students with local Fire Service station officer.
- Mx Map search software monthly training evening 4 students for 2 hours each

## 2.3 Water

#### 2.3.1 Public Drinking Water Monitoring Program 2022:

#### Covid-19 update:

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

No of Public drinking water supplies	No of samples scheduled for 2022	No of samples taken by end-Q2 2022	No of parameters scheduled for analysis in 2022	No of parameters analysed by end-Q2 2022	% of parameters Compliant with Drinking Water Standards by end-Q2 2022	
151*	889*	362	15,540	7,098	99.5	
Q2/2021	979	413	17,113	5,101	99.2%	

\*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 <u>https://www.water.ie/water-supply/water-quality/</u>.

### 2.3.2 Private Drinking Water Compliance Monitoring

#### Covid-19 update:

The HSE had previously advised that sampling at nursing homes could recommence in Q2/Q3, subject to the incidence rate of Covid-19 at the time, as well as the agreement by management at individual nursing homes. Given the continued high risk of Covid-19, sampling at nursing homes remains suspended, but will be reviewed for Q3. In Q1/Q2 2022 priority was given to schools and creches and to re-testing supplies which had issues, with many coming back into compliance. Also, it is intended to reinstate sampling at private supply hotels for Q3/Q4, subject to Covid-19 impacts.

Sampling of Group Water Schemes has not been affected by Covid-19 restrictions with outdoor monitoring points accessible at all supplies.

Private WS supply type	No of drinking water Private supplies	No of samples scheduled for 2022	No of samples taken by end-Q2 2022	No of parameters scheduled for analysis in 2022	No of parameters analysed by end-Q2 2022	% of parameters Compliant with Drinking Water Standards up to end-Q2 2022
Private Group WS	25	50	21	800	368	98.4 %
Q2/2021	25	50	26	950	494	97.95 %
Small private supplies	101*	202	40	3,686	1,564	98.3 %
Q2/2021	159*	200	93	3,600	1,687	96.2%

\* 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 Covid-19 incident rate. Approximately 400 Small Private Supplies in County Cork.



#### 2.3.3 Bathing Water Compliance Programme 2021

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 2022.

Total No of beaches in	No of samples scheduled for 2022	No of samples taken to date	No. of compliant samples	No of non-compliant samples 2021	
monitoring programme 2022	Bathing water Season (May – Sept)	30/06/22	E.Coli <500 AND	E. coli > 500 OR	
			I. Enterococci <100	I. Enterococci >100	
29	177	62	62	0	
Q2/2021	181	66	61	5	

#### 2.3.3.1 Bathing water quality status for Identified & Blue flag beaches

Municipal District	Identified Bathing water	2022 Blue Flag Award	2020 Blue Flag Award	2021 Blue Flag Award	2020 Bathing water status (2017-2020 results)	2021 Bathing water status (2018-2021 results)	2022 Bathing water status Current status at June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2022 (not final status)*
Bandon/Kinsale	Coolmaine	Not BF	Not BF	Not BF	Good	Good	Good
	Garrylucas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Garretstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Carrigaline	Fountainstown	Yes	Not BF	Not BF	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
East Cork	Garryvoe	No	No	No	Sufficient	Sufficient	Good
	Redbarn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Youghal Claycastle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Youghal Front strand	Yes	No	No	Good	Excellent	Excellent
West	Barleycove	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney West	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney East	Yes	No	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Ownahincha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Tragumna	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Warren	No	Yes	No	Excellent	Good	Good

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, Cregane Strand.

\*The EPA is the sole arbiter of Bathing Water status, and this is based on 20 samples over 4 years. The status determined by the EPA, will form the basis for applications by the Council to An Taisce for Blue Flag status.

2.3.3.2	Dutining Water que						
Municipal District	Beach	2022 Green Coast Award	2021 Green Coast Award	2020 Green Coast Award	2020 Bathing water status (2017-2020 results)	2021 Bathing water status (2018-2021 results)	2022 Bathing water status Current status at June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2022 (not final status)*
Bandon/Kinsale	Oysterhaven	Yes	No	Yes	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Carrigaline	Rocky Bay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Fountainstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
East Cork	Ring Beach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inch Beach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Shanagarry (Ardnahinch)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Ballynamona	Yes	No	No	Good	Excellent	Excellent
West Cork	Ballyrisode	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Cadogan's Strand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Cape Clear Is.	Candidate	No	No	Good	Excellent	Excellent
	Galleycove	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Garinish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Inchydoney East	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Red strand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Dooneen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

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

15 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 determined by the EPA, will form the basis for applications by the Council to An Taisce for Green Flag status.

### 2.3.4 Agricultural Inspection Program

No of farm inspections scheduled for 2022	Municipal District	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	No of farm inspections undertaken 1/1/2022 to 30/6/2022	No of warning letters sent	% of farms with non compliances detected	No. of Cross reports to DAFM	% of farms with Cross reports to DAFM
	Carrigaline	36	10	4	40%	1	10%
	Bandon/ Kinsale	82	33	8	24%	1	3%
	Macroom	70	19	7	37%	0	0%
	Cobh	65	15	4	27%	1	6.6%
794	East Cork	82	32	8	25%	2	6%
	Fermoy	134	89	21	24%	1	1%
	Mallow/Kanturk	143	89	18	20%	0	0%
	West Cork	103	51	14	27%	1	2%
	Total	715	338	84	25%	7	2.1%

Note; 3 Cross Reports for Mallow/Kanturk area are being processed for submission to DAFM.

#### 2.3.5 Septic Tank Inspection Program

	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period <b>2022</b>	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken for				
		period 1/1/2022 -	No of non-compliant	% non- compliances	No. of Advisory	No. of Advisory
<b>Municipal District</b>		30/06/2022	systems identified	identified	Notices issued	Notices Complied with
Carrigaline	9	8	5	62%	5	2
Bandon/Kinsale	15	10	3	30%	3	0
Macroom	19	17	9	53%	9	1
Cobh	9	8	6	75%	6	0
East Cork	9	5	4	80%	4	0
Fermoy	15	8	2	25%	2	0
Mallow/ Kanturk	15	15	10	67%	10	0
West Cork	22	19	9	47%	9	0
Total	113	90	48	53.3	48	3

Note; Under the 2022-2026 Domestic Waste Water 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

#### 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 18 inspections in Zone 1 in 2022. **Risk Zone 2;** These are areas where DWWTS pose a higher relative risk to private wells. NIP requires 77 inspections in Zone 2 in 2022. **Risk Zone 3;** Zone 3 covers the rest of the country. NIP requires 18 inspections in Zone 3 in 2022. Sites for inspection have been selected in compliance with the requirements of the NIP.

#### 2.3.6 Update on Septic Tank Inspection Program 2013 – 2021

	No. of Septic Tank inspections scheduled for period <b>1/7/2013</b> to <b>31/12/2021</b>	No. of Septic Tank inspections undertaken to <b>31/12/2021</b>	No of non- compliant systems identified	% non- compliances identified	No. of Advisory Notices issued	No. of Advisory Notices Complied with by <b>30/6/2022</b>
Total	684	700	389	56%	389	355

#### 2.3.7 Update on Tracking of Compliance with Advisory Notices 2013 – 2021

Natio Domestic Wastewat	Numl	per of Advisory N	No of Advisory Notices Not Complied with by 30/06/2022					
Dates of Inspections	No of inspections	>12 months	< 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	8	0	2
1/1/2019 - 31/12/2019	60	31	8	12	3	5	0	3
1/1/2020 - 31/12/2020	59	32	7	6	3	9	0	7
1/1/2021 - 31/12/2021	62	37	8	15	4	0	10	0

#### Notes;

• We continue to engage with all householders who have not yet complied fully with their Advisory Notices.

• There are 9 notices not complied with for 2017. 8 of these are in one location & are liaising with Irish Water re provision of public sewer.

2.3.8 DWWTS Grant P	ayments by Cork Count	y Council (to 30/06/2022)
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Grant Scheme	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
National Inspection	2 Grants	8 Grants	9 Grants	6 Grants	3 Grants		4 Grants	No Applications	1 Grant
Plan	€3,151	€17,185	€18,282	€15,031	€6,867		€7,177		€5,000
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 application submitted & approved, works in progress.

Notes;

• Total of 36 DWWTS grants, worth €89,543, 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.

### 2.3.9 Municipal Waste Water Sampling Program <u>Summary</u>

#### % Inspections completed to 30.06.22:

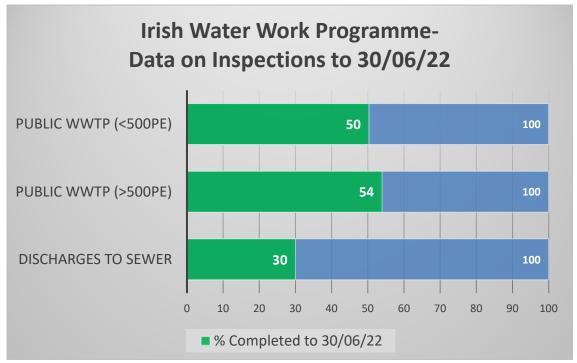


Figure 1: IW Work Programme- Inspections



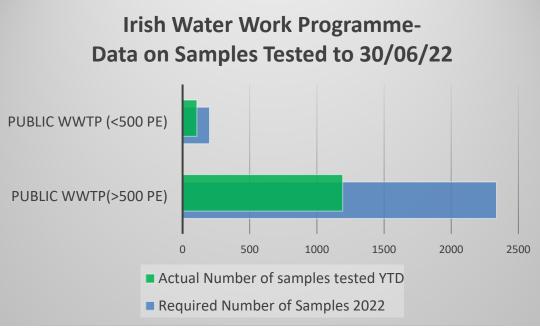


Figure 2: IW Work Programme – Samples

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 treatement plants can be found via the Irish Water website; <a href="https://www.water.ie/wastewater/compliance/">https://www.water.ie/wastewater/compliance/</a>. Compliance information for individual plants is available via the EPA's website at <a href="https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/SewageTreatment">https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/SewageTreatment</a>.

#### 2.3.10 Trade Waste Water Discharge License Inspection Program – S4 Discharges to water

No. of S4 Inspection	ons		nspect		nderta	ken				
scheduled	Target		31/03/2022 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Σ			Σ	2021 Inspection/samples Compliance			
Carrigaline	21	0	3	0	0	3				
Bandon-Kinsale	27	1	9	0	0	10	Inspection Only 63			
Macroom	25	1	0	0	0	1	Serious Noncompliance 0			
Cobh	18	0	5	0	0	5	Minor Non Compliance 0			
East Cork	23	2	9	0	0	11				
Fermoy	18	3	7	0	0	10	Compliant Sample 🕛 1			
Mallow-Kanturk	52	6	12	0	0	18				
West Cork	52	5	1	0	0	6	Note: Compliance Assessment Q1 Pending			
Total	236	18	46	0	0	64				
% Inspection plan co	27%	•	•	•	•					

#### Notes:

Section 4 (private discharges) programme has been significantly impacted by Covid. Many of the Licences scheduled for inspection visits relate to premises closed under national restrictions. Inspections have therefore focused more on operational controls and management rather than compliance samples. Our inspection plan is kept under continual review to reflect NPHET guidance.

Plan reviewed in Sept. 2021. High risk facilities (nursing homes, hospitals etc). removed from sampling plan. Some facilities scheduled for inspection remained closed.

# 2.4 Air & Noise

## 2.4.1. Numbers of licenses under Air Pollutions Acts and related regulations

Licence Type	Municipal District	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	+/- on Q4 2021
Air Pollution Act	Bandon/Kinsale	1	1	1	1	1	0
Licences	Carrigaline	2	2	2	2	2	0
	Macroom	1	1	1	1	1	0
	Cobh	4	4	4	4	4	0
	East Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fermoy	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kanturk/Mallow	1	1	1	1	1	0
	West Cork	1	1	1	1	1	0
	TOTAL	10	10	10	10	10	0
	Bandon/Kinsale	5	4	5	5	4	-1
Solvent	Carrigaline	3	3	3	1	1	0
Regulation	Macroom	1	1	2	2	1	-1
Certificates (Dry Cleaners)	Cobh	1	1	2	3	2	-1
Deco Paint	East Cork	8	8	9	8	8	0
Regulation	Fermoy	3	3	5	5	5	0
Certificates	Kanturk/Mallow	6	6	7	6	6	0
(spray painters)	West Cork	6	6	6	5	4	-1
	TOTAL	33	32	39	35	31	-4
	Bandon/Kinsale	4	6	11	11	15	4
Deco Paint	Carrigaline	6	6	6	6	6	0
Regulation	Macroom	5	7	10	14	12	-2
Certificates	Cobh	7	8	8	8	9	1
(spray painters)	East Cork	6	8	9	10	10	0
Petroleum	Fermoy	13	13	14	14	15	1
Vapour	Kanturk/Mallow	5	7	7	9	10	1
Certificates	West Cork	6	8	14	16	18	2
	TOTAL	52	63	79	88	95	7
	Bandon/Kinsale	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0

Licence Type	Municipal District	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	+/- on Q4 2021
	Carrigaline	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
	Macroom	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
Petroleum Vapour	Cobh	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Certificates	East Cork	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Stage II Petroleum Vapour	Fermoy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
Certificates*	Kanturk/Mallow	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
	West Cork	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
	TOTAL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	2

## 2.4.2. Inspections under Air Pollution Acts and related regulations

No. Air Polluti	ion Act Inspections scheduled	No i	nspectio	ns undei	rtaken Y	TD		
	Target		Q2	Q3	Q4	Σ	LG APA Compliance Summary Q1	
Carrigaline	4	2	0	0	0	2	2022	
Bandon-Kinsale	2	1	0	0	0	1	10% No. Emissions	
Macroom	2	1	0	0	0	1	Compliant with	
Cobh	8	4	0	0	0	4		
Mallow-	2	1	0	0	0	1	No. Emissions Non-Compliant	
West Cork	2	1	0	0	0	1	90% with Licence	
Total	20	10	Nil*			10		
% Insp	% Inspection plan completed				•			

\*remaining inspections are scheduled for Q3/4

Year 2022	No. of Inspections Planned (Low Smoke Zone) *	Advisory Letters <sup>1</sup>	Inspections 2022	Non- Compliances	Warning Letters	Fines/ Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
Q1	18	0	12	2	1	0	84%
Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q4	80	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Total	100	0	12	2	1	0	96%

### 2.4.3. Coal Regulations – Low Smoke Zone Inspection Program

## 2.4.4. Coal Regulations – Non-ban area Inspection Program

Year 2022	No. of Inspections Planned (Non-Ban Area *	Advisory Letters	Inspections 2022	Non- Compliances	Warning Letters	Fines/ Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
Q1	62	0	66	6	5	0	92%
Q2	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q3	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Q4	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Total	60	0	66	6	5	0	92%

### 2.4.5. Coal Regulations – Mobile/Multi-Agency Checkpoints

Year 2022	No. of Inspections Planned *	Advisory Letters	Inspections 2022	Non- Compliances	Warning Letters	Fines/ Enforcement Proceedings	% Overall Compliance level rel. to inspections undertaken
Q1	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
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	0
Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0%

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

\* Cork County Council has been informed that the government will introduce a nationwide ban on bituminous coal in September 2022. Therefore all inspections scheduled for Q4 2022 will be within Low Smoke Zones and the Non-ban area inspection program will no longer apply.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "Advisory Letters" relates to communications issued to identified fuel suppliers and retailers at start of heating season as part of our awareness campaign, or to householders in areas identified as having problems.

## *2.5.* Waste

## 2.5.1. Inspections 1st April-30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Note: Covid-19 Impacts Waste Enforcement

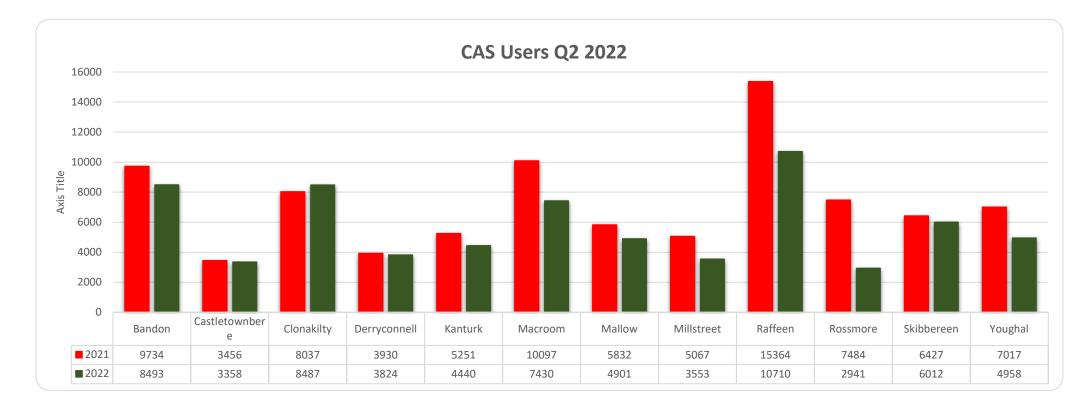
The Waste Enforcement Unit has had to adjust the way we carry out our work during the Covid-19 Emergency.

Cork County Council deployed enforcement personnel, wardens and officers, countywide during Covid-19 responding to litter and waste reports while adhering to HSE guidance.

					Municipal	District				
	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow- Kanturk	West Cork	Q2Totals	2021 Total
Waste Facility Permit	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	2	9	79
Waste Collection Permit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Food Waste (includes domestic and commercial) <sup>1</sup>	0	9	0	1	0	0	1	2	13	85
Unauthorised End Of Life Vehicle site	1	0	1	2	1	0	6	4	15	44
Producer Responsibility (WEEE/Tyres/Packaging/etc.) <sup>1</sup>	1	9	0	3	0	7	7	10	37	196
Complaint Investigation	17	17	23	44	22	16	73	40	252	1105
Multi-Agency Operations	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	11
Vehicle Checkpoints <sup>2</sup>	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	8	16
Total	24	39	24	52	27	23	91	58	338	1564

# 2.5.2. Civic Amenity Sites

Zone	Location	Material	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	Tonnage	TOTAL	TOTAL
			Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	2022	2021
	Castletownbere	Recyclables	93.48	82.52			176.00	344.28
		Waste	71.86	71.96			143.82	312.91
	Clonakilty	Recyclables	227.59	193.56			421.15	842.98
1		Waste	151.12	118.34			269.46	572.36
1	Derryconnell	Recyclables	95.20	80.95			176.15	420.63
		Waste	85.86	99.68			185.54	453.40
	Skibbereen	Recyclables	76.31	79.98			156.29	328.35
		Waste	47.06	40.59			87.65	176.11
	Bandon	Recyclables	391.82	356.76			695.48	1,619.27
		Waste	218.46	200.46			418.92	936.74
2	Macroom	Recyclables	276.42	172.24			448.66	1,210.88
2		Waste	277.15	171.62			448.77	1,183.54
	Raffeen	Recyclables	584.26	743.10			1,327.36	3,144.25
		Waste	507.70	540.34			1,048.04	2,313.94
	Rossmore	Recyclables	292.02	232.66			524.68	1,574.60
3		Waste	336.66	240.23			576.89	1,722.57
5	Youghal	Recyclables	171.03	108.34			279.37	772.67
		Waste	278.98	152.18			431.16	1,151.51
	Kanturk*	Recyclables	136.10	112.28			248.38	722.97
		Waste	190.80	124.36			315.16	756.12
4	Mallow*	Recyclables	187.20	114.36			301.76	831.56
		Waste	150.88	118.40			297.76	789.50
	Millstreet*	Recyclables	118.41	36.58			154.99	638.03
		Waste	159.30	65.58			224.88	693.32



# 2.5.3. Decisions made Waste Facility Permit & Waste Cert of Registration Applications April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>

Waste Facility Permit/		Municipal District												
<b>Certificates of Registration</b>	Bandon -Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow- Kanturk	West Cork						
Q1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2						
Q2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1						
Q3														
Q4														
2022 Totals	1	2	2	2	0	3	0	3						
2021 Totals	0	1	7	0	0	3	3	1						

## 2.5.4. Bring sites

Material	Tonnage Q1 2022	Tonnage Q2 2022	Tonnage Q3 2022	Tonnage Q4 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
Glass Bottles	1,528.00	1,515.39			3,043.39	6948.37
Beverage Cans	21.51	10.57			32.08	99.29
Food Cans	24.06	15.03			39.09	105.85

## 2.5.5. Litter Fines - Environment Directorate Litter Wardens ytd 2022\*

		lss	ued			Cancelled				Pa	aid	-	Sen	t for P	rosecu	tion
MDC	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Carrigaline	0	0			0	1			0	0			0	0		
Bandon / Kinsale	2	1			1	0			1	0			0	0		
Macroom	0	2			0	0			0	0			0	0		
Cobh	2	6			1	0			1	3			0	0		
East Cork	3	3			0	0			2	4			0	1		
Fermoy	4	2			0	0			2	2			0	2		
Kanturk / Mallow	17	8			2	1			9	5			2	4		
West Cork	0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0		
TOTAL 2022	28	22			4	2			15	14			2	7		
TOTAL 2021	29	29	19	22	0	0	0	0	13	24	20	12	3	3	2	1

^ Includes fines issued by Municipal District staff

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

	Issued								
Fine Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
LW detection via patrol or report Section 3(1)	26	17							
CCTV Section 3(2) b	0	0							
Duties of Occupiers Section 6	0	0							
Mobile outlets Section 15	0	0							
Unauthorised Sign Section 19	2	5							
TOTAL 2022	28	22							
TOTAL 2021	29	29	19	22					

## 2.5.6. Litter Fines by Category - Environment Directorate Litter Wardens

## 2.5.7. Litter Fines - Municipal District Litter Wardens ytd 2022

MDC		Issued				Cancelled				Pa	aid		Sent for Prosecution			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Carrigaline	0	0			0	0			0	0			0	TBC*		
Bandon / Kinsale	0	0			0	0			0	0			0	TBC*		
Macroom	0	5			0	1			0	4			0	TBC*		
Cobh	1	1			0	0			0	0			0	TBC*		
East Cork	0	0			0	0			0	0			0	TBC*		
Fermoy	0	4			0	TBC*			0	TBC*			0	TBC*		
Kanturk / Mallow	1	1			0	TBC*			0	TBC*			0	TBC*		
West Cork	0	0			0	0			0	0			0	TBC*		
TOTAL 2022	2	11			0	1			0	4			0	TBC*		
TOTAL 2021	43	132	20	20	3	4	2	3	30	227	76	2	3	2	4	0
Notes:	* Due t	* Due to staff absence and leave, some figures are subject to update.														

Туре	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Air	42	66			
Noise	52	59			
Waste	336	280			
Waste water	27	13			
Water (to be categorised)	24	19			
Water Quality	35	11			
Total excl Dumping Line 2022	516	448			
Total excl Dumping Line 2021	747	656	553	340	2296
Notifications to Burn	6	8			
Illegal Dumping Line	60	59			

# 2.5.8. Anti Litter Unit & Other Environmental Complaints by Type

## 2.5.9. Anti Litter Unit & Other Environmental Complaints by MDC

		Municipal District												
Waste - Litter	Bandon - Kinsale	Carrigaline	Cobh	East Cork	Fermoy	Macroom	Mallow- Kanturk	West Cork	Not Assigned MDC					
Q1	47	72	35	37	43	65	68	79	70					
Q2	32	45	45	41	50	42	59	101	33					
Q3														
Q4														
2022 Totals	79	117	80	78	93	107	127	180	103					
2021 Totals	211	471	194	319	241	216	349	301						

### 2.5.10. Anti Litter Unit Statistics

Anti-Litter Unit Statistics 2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Total 2021
Fly-tipping Complaint Investigations	388	330			718	1498
Fly-tipping Cleanup Jobs	239	181			420	859
Fly-Tipping Units on Litter duty (Days)	30	29			59	153
Waste Collected (Tonnes)	46.50	35.00			81.50	295.50

# 2.5.11. Prosecutions (under WMA 1997)

		Municipal District										
Q2	Fermoy	Kanturk /Mallow	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Bandon/ Kinsale	West Cork				
COMPLETE	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0				
PENDING	2	12	1	1	3	3	4	1				
TOTAL	2	13	1	1	3	4	5	0				

# 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 30/06/2022	at	Total 2022	Total 2021
Ordinary Dog Licenses	1570	1645	1525	2030	2415	1630	2341	1665	14,821		1570	
									An Post 9,869	Online: 2432		27,612
General Dog Licences	1	5	1	2	8	4	6	5	32		1	
									An Post n/a	CCC Office: 18		69
Life Time Licences	45	60	31	56	61	35	88	61	437		45	
									An Post 129	Online : 158		825

Total Number of Stray Dogs Entering Pound /Surrendered /Seized for period: 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 : 102 Total No. Rehomed / Reclaimed:. 78 Total No. Euthanised:, 24 Please note not all returns are in yet for this Qtr .

### 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 @ 30/06/2022	Total 2021
Fines Issued	2	17	2	41	4	12	23	32	133	177
Section 16(1) notices issued	97	103	94	126	150	101	146	109	926	375
Prosecutions issued	5	6	0	0	1	25	4	1	42	77

### 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 30/06/2022	Total 2021
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	1	0	2	1	2	0	7	7
Charities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. Establishments.	1	5	1	3	8	9	4	6	37	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 30/06/22	Total Year End 2021
Slaughter houses (Active)	2	1	0	0	3	1	5	9	1	22	22
Slaughter houses (Inactive)	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	7	7
Meat Manf. Premises	18	1	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	31	33
Reg'd Premises	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	10	10
Totals	20	2	6	3	5	6	10	16	2	70	72

## 2.6.5. Control of Horses

Category	Carrigaline	Macroom	Cobh	East Cork	Kanturk Mallow	Fermoy	West Cork	Bandon Kinsale	Total as @ 30/06/22	Total 2021
Number of Stray Horses collected	0	0	2	0	11	0	0	0	13	24
Number Reclaimed	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	8
Number Rehomed (Rescues/Charities)	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	9	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	1
No. at Pound 30/06/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. Aborted Trips	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5

\*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

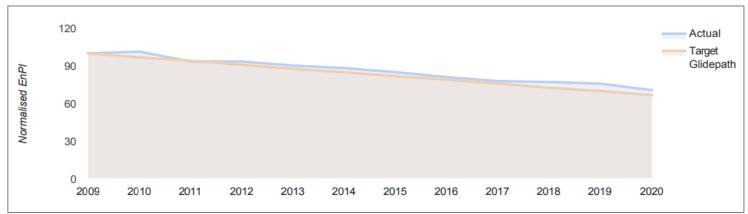
#### 2.7.1. SEAI

Public bodies are required under Statuary Instrument 426 of the European Union Energy Efficiency Regulations (2014) as amended to report their energy performance annually. The system by which public bodies report their energy consumption is through the Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) system, managed by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

Under the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP), Cork County Council had an energy efficiency improvement target of 33% on 2009 energy efficiency figures by 2020.

## 2.7.2. Energy Efficiency Status 2020

At the end of 2020, Cork County Council's energy efficiency was 5.6% worse than the NEEAP target glide path presented in the current SEAI monitoring and reporting scorecard (refer to Figure 1).



#### Figure 1 Cork County Council's energy efficiency performance glide path for 2020 from SEAI M&R

The figures presented below were published by the SEAI in their Annual Report 2020 on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance. The major findings are as follows:

- 6.9% better than 2019
- 29.3% better than baseline (2009)
- 5.6% worse than target 'glide-path' target for 2020

Cork County Council's 2021 scorecard is expected to be published by SEAI in September 2022.

#### 2.7.3. Energy Management Action Plans 2022

Individual Directorates and SEUs were invited to submit Energy Management Action Plans (EMAP) for 2022. The actions for 2022 and progress to date are shown in Table 1.

Directorate	Section	Action	Comment
	Public Lighting	Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (RMO Project)	Contracts signed 28/1/2022.
Environment		Millstreet/ Cobh/ Charleville – drying rooms ready	Dehumidifiers on order
	Fire Stations	Mallow – insulate ceiling and walls of offices	Awaiting prices
	Inniscarra Env building	Replace geothermal with air-to-water heat pump/ Replace kerosene oil boilers/ LED Lighting upgrade x 4 nr . Buildings on Campus	Consultants appointed- review of site has been undertaken & proposals being considered by CCC
	Inniscarra Wastewater Laboratory	Replace single glazed PVC doors	Action completed- doors installed
		Indoor Lighting replacement	Contractor appointed; works are progressing
		Building EE Audit (15 no. buildings)	Desktop studies and site surveys completed, reports underway
	E&CC	Energy Management Software (eLighthouse – Phase 3)	Phase 3 Contract awarded
Roads & Transportation	Fleet Mgmt Unit	LCV EV Replacement	Assessment under way to determine if all smaller vehicles can be replaced by electric vehicles (report by Oct 2022)
Municipal		Fermoy – review of heating system	works start date to be confirmed with contractor.
Districts		Skibbereen – windows & Retrofit of LED lights in upper floor	Replacement of the existing single glaze windows
	Library Service	Midleton windows & roof repairs	Scope of works under investigation by Architects Dept. Liaison with architect's department suggested that input from Environment Department might be sought on the feasibility of different heating systems and their value for money.
		Clonakility - Change oil fired underfloor heating to electric heating	prices being sought
		Bantry - Change electric underfloor heating to electric wall radiator heating & Windows	Under review
		Passage west – New Entrance Doors	Under review

Directorate	Section	Action	Comment
		Carrigaline- Roof- under review	Contractor has visited and assessed site.
	Architects	Kinsale - Old Mill Library	Works ongoing
		Macroom Fire Station	Works ongoing
	Mallow Leisure Centre	Detail Design regarding the Upgrade of Mallow Pool including energy efficiency works such as new windows, roofing, and improved AHU's	Mallow Swimming Pool has been approved by SSIP for funding for Design - A letter of Intent has been issued to Consultant. It will be 6 months before any design is complete. Funding has not been approved to go to construction – this will require further approval by the SSIP Group at a future date.
	Fermoy Leisure Centre	At Tender stage for a contractor to over roof Fermoy Swimming Pool c/w the installation of Solar PV Panels	Tender stage Underway
	Dunmanway	Main Pool Uplighters LED Replacement (Tender stage)	New Tender issued as available lights not chlorine resistant
	Leisure Centre	Carry out Energy Efficiency Measures as per Consultant's report	Measures being carried out

#### Table 1 2022 EMAP actions

Note the above actions are dependent on funding approval within the respective Directorate.

#### 2.7.4. Important dates

Date	Description
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Post Data Verification Assessment (DVA) & Building Register Deadline
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Final Scorecard Available
Table 2 2022 key dates	

 Table 2 2022 key dates

#### 2.7.5. ISO 50001

Cork County Councils Energy Management System (EnMS) is accredited to the ISO 50001 standard. Cork County Council is therefore compliant with SI 426, which is the statutory instrument that requires all large organisations to either have completed an organisational energy audit or have implemented an approved EnMS. An ISO 50001 recertification audit was successfully completed on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022.

## 2.7.6. Significant Energy Users (SEU)

ISO 50001 is an organisational energy management system. A requirement of the ISO 50001 accreditation is that Cork County Council continuously monitors and reports on its SEU's. Cork County Council has four nr. Significant Energy Users (SEU). Cumulatively they account for more than 80% of all energy consumption. The 2022 percentage breakdown is provided below:

- Public Lighting (33%)
- Fleet (37%)
- County Hall campus (5%)
- Leisure Centres (6%)
  - Fermoy
  - Mallow
  - O Dunmanway

## 2.7.7. Energy Efficiency Status

The Energy & Climate Change Section monitor the energy consumption of each SEU monthly using Energy Performance Indicators (EnPI). The EnPI for each Significant Energy User is described as follows:

- County Hall has two EnPls
  - > A formula called CUSUM predicts what energy should have been used based on past performance and is adjusted for weather conditions.
  - kWh/m²/year
- Fleet
  - ➢ Is based on the average monthly litres/100km over the past 12 months.
- The Swimming Pools
  - > A formula called CUSUM predicts what energy should have been used based on past performance and is adjusted for weather conditions.
  - kWh/m²/year
- **Public lighting** is calculated as the average wattage per lamp in the County. This energy performance indicator (EnPI) is reviewed annually.

The E&CC Section are currently reviewing the appropriateness of these EnPIs as part of CCC ISO 50001 compliance. New or additional EnPIs may be agreed with the relevant SEUs as part of this review process where required. Monthly EnPIs for 2021/2022 are presented in Figure 2 hereunder:

		SEU Energy Performance Indicators (EnPI)										
	[	County Hall		Mallow Pool		Fermoy Pool		Dunmanway Pool		Fleet	Public Lighting	
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Total Energy kWh/m2/year	Energy Use	Total Energy kWh/m2/year		Monthly Actua Total Energy Gas k∀h/m2/year V		Gas Total Energy	Litres/ 100km/ year (rolling 12 monthly EnPl)	Watts/ lamp
	Heating Degree Days		(rolling 12 monthly	Predicted Energy Use	d Energy Use (rolling 12	Predicted Energy Use		Predicted Gas use	(rolling 12 monthly EnPl)	16.84	101.50	
		(above/below baseline of 0%)	EnPl)	(above/below baseline of 0%)	monthly EnPI)	(above/belo <del>v</del> baseline of 0%)		(above/belo <b>v</b> baseline of 0%)	montiny citri iy	17.52	105.56	
										18.19	109.62	
Jan-21	335		124	-33%	783	57%	480		667		102.57	
Feb-21	265		124	-121%	714		513		610		102.57	
Mar-21	256		121	-87%	678		530		571	16.42	102.57	
Apr-21	241	-26%	121	-114%	682	-29%	553	-81%	559	16.69	102.57	
May-21	192		121	-111%	687		573		564		102.57	
Jun-21	74	-21%	121	-22%	712		599	-23%	579	17.17	102.57	
Jul-21	29		121		711		641	6%	603	17.31	102.57	
Aug-21	35		120	-58%	713		688	-59%	573	17.06	102.57	
Sep-21	48		118	-66%	697		730	-45%	564	17.02	102.57	
Oct-21	127	3%	115	-93%	667		742	-38%	554	17.09	102.57	
Nov-21	220	1%	114	-96%	648		768	-8%	604	17.22	102.57	
Dec-21	234		115	-44%	612		795	-34%	599	16.84	102.57	
Jan-22	271	-5%	112	-160%	573		798	-16%	620	16.68	101.50	
Feb-22	229	10%	111	2%	623		821	-52%	633	16.79	101.50	
Mar-22	257	3%	111	0%	666		837	-35%	670	16.99	101.50	
Apr-22	201	17%	113	-7%	707	03%	862	-51%	692	16.91	101.50	

Figure 2 SEU Monthly Energy Performance Indicators

## 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 Muinefluch 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	Primary School	First Flag	Litter and Waste
Coláiste Fionnchua	Secondary School	First Flag	Litter and Waste
Scoil Bhride	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	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Water
Cloughduv National School	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Water
Dunderrow National School	Primary School	1st Renewal	Water
Hamilton High School	Secondary School	1st Renewal	Water
Scoil Mhuire Araglin	Primary School	1st Renewal	Water
Burnfort National School	Primary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Convent of Mercy Primary School	Primary School	4th Renewal	Travel
Killavullen N.S	Primary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Midleton College	Secondary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Scoil Mhuire na nGrást	Primary School	4th Renewal	Travel
Scoil Realt Na Mara	Primary School	2nd Renewal	Travel
St. Colman's B.N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Travel
Whitegate Mixed National School	Primary School	3rd Renewal	Travel
Ardagh B.N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Bandonbridge N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Ballygiblin National School	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Carraignafoy Community College	Secondary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Carriganima National School	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Castletownroche N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Curraghagalla National School	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Dromahane N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	Biodiversity

School Name	School Type	Current Flag	Theme
Giggles Childcare Services Ltd	Pre-School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Kilbrittain N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Meelin N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Shanballymore N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
St. Brendan's N.S	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Timoleague National School	Primary School	4th Renewal	Biodiversity
Castlelack N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Drinagh N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Glenville N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Kilcoe N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Muinefluich N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Ringaskiddy Lower Harbour N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
S.N Bhiorainn	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil Bhríde	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil Eoin Naofa	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil na mBuachaillí	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
St. Multose N.S	Primary School	5th Renewal	GC Litter and Waste
Bright Sparks	Pre-School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
Knockskeagh N.S	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
Newmarket Boys N.S	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
Our Lady of Mercy N.S	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
St. Patrick's B.N.S	Primary School	6th Renewal	GC Energy
St. Joseph's Infant School	Primary School	7th Renewal	GC Marine
St. Mary's N.S	Primary School	7th Renewal	GC Marine
Walterstown NS	Primary School	7th Renewal	GC Marine
Gaelscoil De hlde	Primary School	8th Renewal	GC Travel

## 2.9. National Broadband Plan (NBP)-update Fibre Roll-out

### Fibre Roll-out

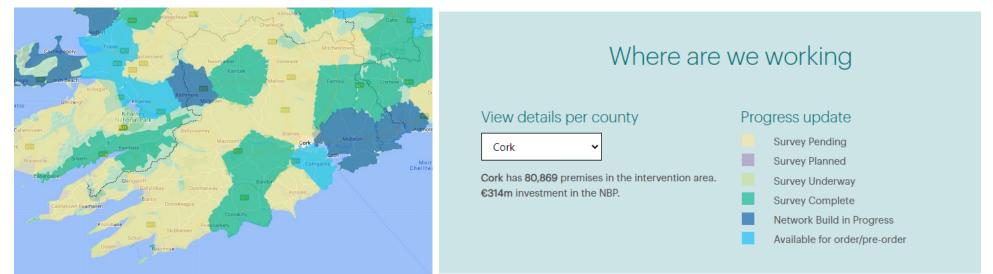
NBI rely on their parent website at <u>https://nbi.ie/</u> to provide information on the National Broadband Contract. Website <u>https://nbi.ie/nbp-project-progress/</u> provides detail on the roll-out progress and the website advises the number of premises in the Intervention Area has grown by 17K since commencement of the project. NBI also advise the roll-out programme remains on target to be delivered within the originally planned 7-year programme. The latest national roll-out progress is reported as:

- Premises under construction to grow by 43%, to 221,000 homes (40% of the 7-year target)
- Premises available to order set to increase by 266% to 128,000 homes
- Premises passed to grow by 219% to 102,000 homes

The website provides progress report numbers at a national level.

Network build is substantially complete in Carrigaline DA and NBI are presently working in Midleton, Youghal and Rathmore DA's. Surveying works are complete at Kanturk, Templemartin, Clonakilty, Fermoy and Tallow DA's. Approx. 67,000 premises across Cork County area will ultimately benefit from access to high speed broadband constructed under the National Broadband Contract

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



Website <u>https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/</u> can be hovered over to identify status of the individual DA's and such detail across the county is presented in the table below:

Deployment Area	# Premises in County Cork	Status
Carrigaline	5687	Ready to connect
Midleton	8307	Build in Progress
Youghal	2233	Build in Progress
Rathmore	2089	Build in Progress
Fermoy	3797	Survey Complete
Kanturk	3861	Survey Complete
Tallow	831	Survey Complete
Templemartin	6113	Survey Complete
Clonakilty	5632	Survey Complete

Deployment Area	# Premises in County Cork	Status
Abbeyfeale	44	Survey Pending
Ballingeary	835	Survey Pending
Bantry	3747	Survey Pending
Carriganimmy	4011	Survey Pending
Charleville	2220	Survey Pending
Dunmanway	4261	Survey Pending
Eyeries	1467	Survey Pending
Grenagh	6120	Survey Pending
Kilcrohane	457	Survey Pending
Killavullen	3164	Survey Pending
Kinsale	3354	Survey Pending
Lauragh	400	Survey Pending
Meelin	2441	Survey Pending
Mitchelstown	1588	Survey Pending
Schull	2264	Survey Pending
Skibbereen	3587	Survey Pending

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

Receiving the grants of €1000 each under the RISE Community Fund supported by NBI were the Castlelyons Community Centre, with plans to install a mobile booster to extend the benefits of high-speed connectivity in the area; Carrigaline GAA, to enable internet availability throughout the club grounds and use technology to enhance training methods; Carrigaline Mens Sheds, to install a smart TV into their newly built facility and give access to videoconferencing and online resources; and Courtbrack Community Centre, which will be bolstering its online capabilities to better serve everyone in the community as well as digitise some of its key functions including introducing online banking for the first time.

#### **Broadband Connection Points**

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, officially opened a number of projects in North Cork on 29<sup>th</sup> April '22 which received DRCD funding. The Minister took the opportunity to visit the BCP at Ballindangan during her visit to North Cork. During her talk to Elected Representatives and to the local community, the Minister remarked on Cork County having a higher number of BCP's than any other LA.

A total of 24 BCP's are now completed across the county and are operational. Remote working is being accommodated at a number of BCP's.

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 are now benefitting from Town and Village funding support and availing of grant funding to purchase furniture and fittings to enhance remote working opportunities.

Grant applications under the €5 million Government Grant Connected Hubs Call 2022 scheme, totalling in excess of €300K, were lodged by a total of 6 BCP's across the county. The Connected Hubs Call 2022 aim is to add additional capacity to the existing remote working infrastructure in Ireland by upgrading existing hubs and Broadband Connection Points (BCPs). Congratulations to Laharn, Bere Island and Castlelyons for their success in the grant application process for their projects as listed in the table below.

Hub Name	Town/Area	County	Funding Offered	Project Description
Laharn Heritage Centre	Mallow	Cork	€36,500	A significant focus of this application is to install advanced audio/visual equipment which will provide substantial opportunity for the BCP and provide a platform for future engagement with some of the support programmes being promoted by the Department.
Bere Island Heritage Centre BCP	Bere Island	Cork	€12,217	The workspace that will be developed will consist of another desk, office chair, monitor, connection point and partitions.
Castlelyons Community Centre	Fermoy	Cork	€60,841	With the addition of solar PV panels and heat pump system we will reduce our energy costs and the carbon footprint of the community centre and will eliminate the use of fossil fuels in the building. This will be achieved through the installation of an Air to Water heat pump in the Boilerhouse which will be connected to the existing hot water heating system. The project will also enhance the green image of the Community Centre as an environmentally sustainable building which will serve the community for future generations. These building enhancements and cost saving measures will ensure the long-term viability of this key infrastructure which serves as the heart of the community.

On 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>https://www.gov.ie/en/service/fec91-community-centres-investment-fund/https://www.gov.ie/en/service/fec91-community-centres-investment-fund/</u>. Funding will be available under 3 Categories with grants of between €10,000 and €300,000 available.

Approved Category 1 type projects up to a value of €25K will allow communities to undertake upgrade works on a fully funded basis. Such funding opportunity is anticipated to have wide applicability and be of interest to managers of many community facilities, including managers of BCP sites. The closing date for applications is Thursday 14th July 2022.

The BCP's that are now operational are categorized by MD as follows:

- Bandon-Kinsale MD
  - o Clogagh Community Hall and Riverstick Community Centre
- Cobh MD
  - o Whitechurch Community Centre
- Fermoy MD
  - o Ballindangan Community Centre, T.O Park Community & Sports Centre, Castlelyons Community Centre and The Old Mill, Castletownroche
- Kanturk-Mallow MD
  - o Glash School Community Centre, Laharn Heritage Centre and The Old Schoolhouse, Dromina
- Macroom MD
  - o Aghabullogue Community Centre, Aubane Community Centre, Ballydaly Community Hall, Courtbrack Community Centre and Ionadh Áise, Renaniree
- East Cork MD
  - o 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 and Caheragh Community Centre.

Fibre installation to the BCP at Glengarriff Community Centre (West Cork MD) is complete and a date for activation of the broadband is being pursued with NBI.

#### WiFi4EU

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 has appointed Paradyn to undertake installation of access points across the county. Global shortages of semi-conductor electronic components and general supply chain difficulties are presenting a risk to completion of the project.

Cork County Council has applied to EU for an extension of time to complete the project, citing global shortage of electronic components for required equipment manufacture as the background reason.

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