

LCDC Community Progress Report and updates - July 2025

1. Community Integration Forum – Noeleen Osborne:

Community Integration Forum (CIFo):

Waterford Council's Ukrainian Team continue to work with BOTPs residing in Waterford under the OAH/pledge process. New pledge properties are offered to the other DACs and the team will work with DAC staff to ensure occupancy of properties and management of the licenses going forward. They are still seeking pledge properties (vacant and shared) and can be contacted at 058/22059 or offerahome@waterfordcouncil.ie

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):

For June the Local Authority Integration Team carried out 14 Engagements including 4 information sessions with 60 attendees. There were also 16 non-clinic queries. Main topics were: Introduction to the Waterford Welcome Pack, Introduction to LAIT, Deportation, Housing in Ireland, HAP, managing a Tenancy, Adult education, Career guidance, Beginning and managing self-employment in Ireland. As of 3rd June, there are 3,206 BOTPs (increase of 31) and as of 13th June there are 656 IPAs in Waterford.

Facebook engagement continued and the July newsletter has been sent to all interested parties.

2. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) – Ger Mulhall

Work is ongoing with Waterford Area Partnership (WAP), who continue to implement the SICAP Programme on behalf of the LCDC. The SICAP budget allocation for 2025 Waterford City & County (Lot 24-1) is €1,452,756. The budget allocation for 'New Arrivals' for 2025 is €246,807. Additional New Arrivals funding of €29,080 for 2025 was allocated for Waterford City & County in June.

	Actual	Target	
KPI 1 (Groups)	57	79	72%
KPI 2 (Individuals)	568	949	60%
% of Supported Individuals who fall into local priority target group(s)	93%	88%	-

The SICAP Mid-Year Review Process has commenced. LCDCs must formally approve the Mid-Year Performance Review by the end of July.

3. Local Economic and Community Plan – Orla Kelly:

Following on from an internal staff workshop on LECP reporting and a pilot of the reporting system, Lead Partners have now been identified for each of the Actions in the LECP. All Lead

Partners have been contacted and meetings have taken place with many, to assist with the reporting process. In parallel the online reporting system is being revised to facilitate lead partner reporting. It is hoped that the revised online system will be ready for circulation to Lead partners this week, with a view to commencing reporting for the next LCDC meeting in September.

4. Community Grants Update – Claire Flavin

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

Window 1 (€491,392): One of the seven projects are now complete, with a second nearing the final stages in the next week. The remaining projects are proceeding.

Window 2 (€86,557): Work is in progress with the successful Window 2 project.

Window 3 (€786,625): Seven applications were recommended for approval to the Department of Rural and Community Development for Window 3. Letters of Offer have been issued to successful projects.

Supporting Waterford Grants

Processing of payments of the Supporting Waterford Grant to approved applicants continues with 94% of grants processed to-date with the remaining groups being set up as suppliers in the Councils Financial Management System and have been contacted in relation to this.

5. Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grants 2025 – Ger Mulhall

The Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and administered by Waterford LCDC and WCCC. On 13th June 2025, Minister Dara Calleary TD announced the successful projects under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025.

As per the allocations approved by the Waterford LCDC on 13th March, there were 121 successful applicants under the Capital Strand for an allocation of €205,318 and 29 successful applicants under the Current Strand for an allocation of €31,327. The LEP 2025 was heavily oversubscribed and was therefore targeted towards community groups and organisations in disadvantaged areas.

The Community Department is in the process of contacting all applicants, successful and unsuccessful, and the processing of payments to approved applicants under the Current Funding Strand has commenced.

6. Reports from Sub-committees:

a. Skills / training – Johnny Codd

No Update until the September meeting.

b. Health & Wellbeing:

Healthy Ireland Initiatives in Waterford

WHO Healthy City and County Accreditation Waterford has officially been accredited as a World Health Organisation's (WHO's) European Healthy City and County, joining a prestigious network of cities across Europe recognised for their commitment to placing health, equity and sustainability at the centre of local governance and development.

This prestigious recognition acknowledges Waterford's unwavering commitment to improving the health and well-being of its citizens through comprehensive and sustainable initiatives.

Minister for Public Health, Wellbeing and National Drug Strategy, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD, welcomed the announcement that the National Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network, and the cities of Galway, Limerick and Waterford have officially been accredited as a World Health Organisation's (WHO's) European Healthy City in Phase VII (2019-2025).

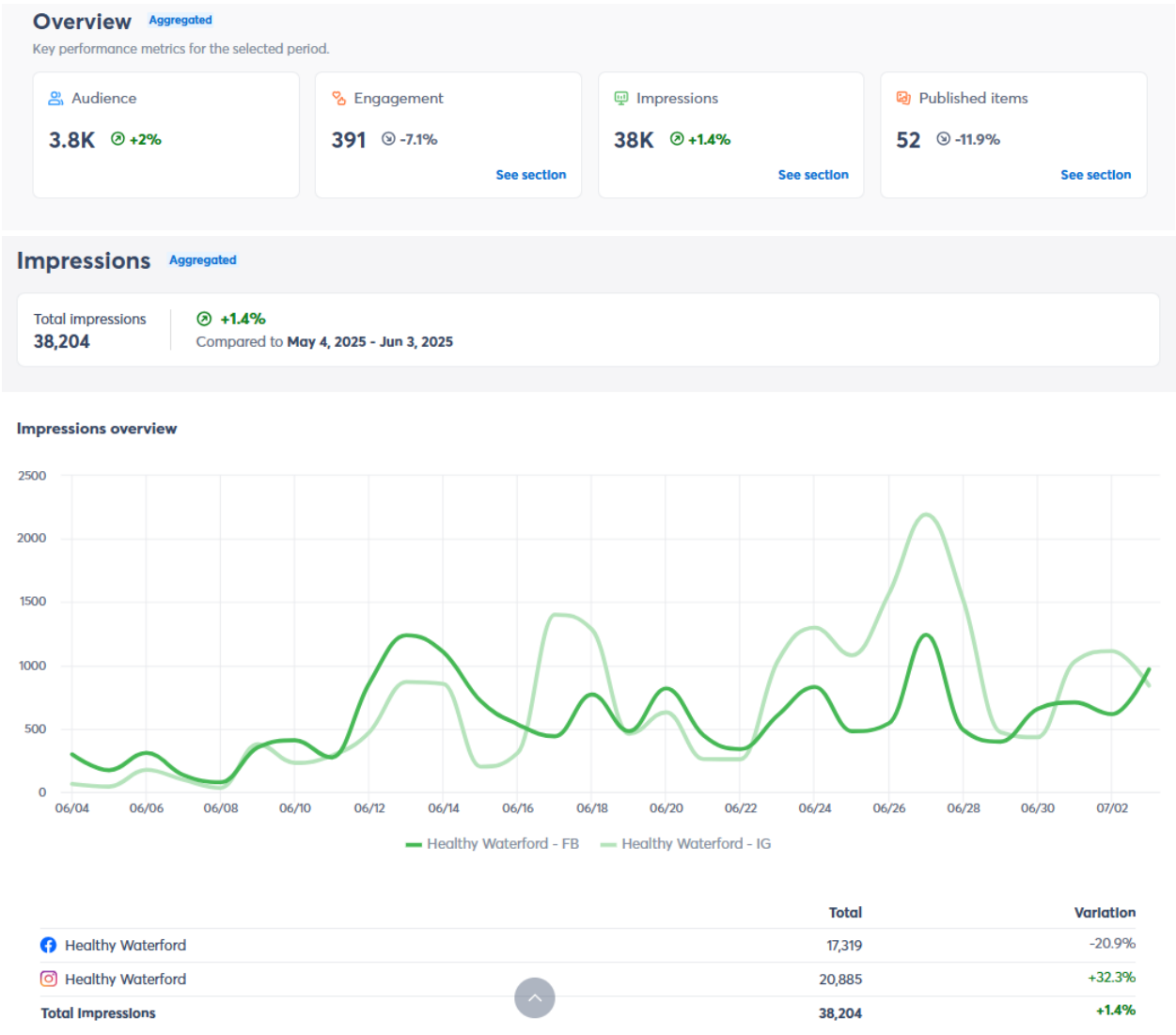


Playful Communities Our Playful Communities program is well underway for 2025, with plans to visit an impressive 35 locations across the city and county. We are collaborating with a diverse range of partners who are providing invaluable support in the successful delivery of these community-focused events, bringing joy and active engagement to residents of all ages. The highlighted event this month was in Tramore in the local authority land besides Splashworld.

Health and Wellbeing Forum Our third gathering of 2025 took place on the 27th of June. We were joined by CLLR John O Leary who outlined the important aspect of this forum for practitioners who are actively engaged in communities throughout Waterford City and County. Our next scheduled forum will take place in September. This coincided with the launch of our Healthy Waterford Network Member badge.



Communications (Social Media)



Connecting Communities Roadshows (2025) The 2025 Connecting Communities Roadshows have concluded successfully. Key stakeholders will review outcomes and develop recommendations for the 2026 roadshows, including planning and expansion. Feedback is currently being sought.



Place Standard We've partnered with the Public Participation Network (PPN) and Healthy Ireland Local Government to identify four Waterford areas for the Place Standard tool implementation. The initial consultation in Ballinroad is wrapping up, following a successful in-person session and an online survey. The next Place Standard is scheduled for Ballymacarbary on July 9th.

Community Wellbeing Seminars: Three community well-being seminars have successfully concluded, both well-received and facilitating partnerships with local community groups and other agencies. The most recent event in Waterford City saw an excellent turnout. There is 15 remaining



Funding Looking ahead a commitment of €75,000 in Pobal funding has been secured. This significant allocation will be instrumental in supporting and advancing a wide variety of vital community-based health and wellbeing projects across Waterford. Applications were successful for Erasmus + funding with another application submitted to a further Erasmus + Fund along with CERV (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values) Programme

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c. Sláintecare Healthy Communities – Ovi Matiut

No Update until the September meeting.

d. SICAP Sub-Committee – Ger Mulhall

The LCDC SICAP Sub-Committee met on 26th June to review the Mid-Year Financial & Monitoring Reports submitted by WAP in order to provide feedback to Pobal in advance of their high-level review. LCDCs must formally approve the Mid-Year Performance Review by the end of July.