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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District

May, 2021

Economic Development Report

1. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Apr 2020	At end of Apr 2021
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	8	6
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	8	6
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€154,420	€137,308
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	965	1052
Value of Measure 2 support given	€194,231	€298,202

Support – Trading Online Voucher	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals €
<i>Figures included in cumulative table</i>	34	€66,364

Support – LEO Client Stimulus Scheme	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals €
<i>Figures included in cumulative table</i>	37	€95,552

Green for Micro programme now open for applications

This new initiative from the Local Enterprise Offices is to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. *The Green for Micro* programme is suitable for all micro-enterprises with up to ten employees, but it is particularly suited to

businesses in construction and the built environment, retail, manufacturing, textiles and fashion, food, electronics, plastics, and packaging.

The programme will help owners / managers to make more informed decisions to assist their businesses to reduce costs, lower their carbon footprint as well as improve the environmental profile of the business in the marketplace.

2. Rural Economic Development

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Cappoquin RRDF - Presentation to May Municipal District meeting by Carron & Walsh

Next round of RRDF Category 2 funding to be announced later in the month with July date for final applications

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018

Signage Contractor on site and progressing installation of signs for both Copper Coast & An Rinn.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 -

1. Dungarvan - Dungarvan 2040 A Strategic Framework & Implementation Plan – Avison Young appointed to deliver this project. The Dungarvan Town Centre Group will be liaising with Avison Young to progress this project.
2. Knockanore - Tender for IT equipment – contractor appointed.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021

12 completed Expressions of Interest were received before closing date from across the County. Submissions will be reviewed in accordance with guidance from DRCD.

General

Minister Humphrey's issued an update to all Local Authorities regarding the delivery of the **Rural Development Investment Programme** during 2021. There are two new proposals 1. An additional €5 million funding for a Connected Hubs Call which aims to add additional capacity to the existing remote working infrastructure and 2. the DRCD will also be providing funding for the development of Town Centre Masterplans and would hope to have details of these proposals shortly.

See below table for details.

2021 Rural Scheme Roadmap (All dates in 2021 unless indicated)				
	Measure	Launch date	Closing date for applications	Announcement of successful projects (indicative)
<i>RRDF</i>	Category 1	N/A	December 2020	Mid-April
<i>CLAR</i>	All Measures	15 th March	Friday 7 th May	Local Authority Measures - end June/early July
<i>RRDF</i>	Category 2	Early May	July	October
<i>LIS</i>	-	May	June	Letters of Offer in June
<i>Town & Village Renewal - standard</i>	All applications	Week beginning 3 rd May	Mid- July	October
<i>Town & Village Renewal Connected Hubs Call</i>		April	Early June	June
<i>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure</i>	Measure 1	23 rd April	30 th June	September
<i>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure</i>	Measures 2, 3 & Project Development Measure	23 rd April	30 th July	November
<i>RRDF</i>	Category 1	June	November	March 2022

3. Waterford Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

As previously communicated, WCCC allocated €688,204 by DRCD in funding for 7 ORIS projects countywide. The following are the details of the Dungarvan/Lismore MD projects:

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur upgrade. Subject to planning approval. Works to be completed by 31st Aug 2022.
- Owenashad River Walk: Works to be completed by 31st Aug 2022.
- The Towers Walk, Lismore: Works to be completed by 30th October 2021.
- Abbeyside Coastal Pathway: Works to be completed by 30th October 2021.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2019:

Work substantially progressed under all ORIS 2019 projects. Remaining Measure 1 and 2 projects to be complete by 31st August 2021 (following extension granted by DRCD due to Covid restriction related delays).

- Measure 1: Round Hill Walk, Lismore; EuroVelo Cycle Route and Waterford Cycling Trails signage upgrade works; Walk Waterford Promotion including new brochure, mapping, videography and photography.

- Measure 2: St. Declan's Way Works; Abbeyside Coastal Walk; Camper van parking area; Greenway play areas (30th November 2021 deadline for completion).
- St. Declan's Way (SDW): The SDW committee has formally applied to have the pilgrim route registered with Sport Ireland Outdoors (formerly the National Trails Office) with a planned official opening and launch in the first half of 2021, Covid dependent.

Cappoquin Amenity Hub

- WCCC in collaboration with the local community is currently in the process of preparing a brief to engage consultants for the feasibility, planning and design of a number of walking trail and Blueway amenities in the Cappoquin area. It is envisaged that consultants will be appointed shortly. This initiative is one element of the project being funded under Rural Regeneration and Development Funding (RRDF).

4. Tourism

Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth – Facility Centres for Water-based Activities Scheme

- Ardmore and Tramore have been approved under the Fáilte Ireland Platforms For Growth – Facility Centres For Water-Based Activities funding scheme.
- There are 22 sites across the country with a budget of €19million to 100% fund each building (this does not include works required outside the footprint of the building)
- Each centre will provide hot shower, changing and toilet facilities, secure storage, induction spaces, equipment washdown and orientation points.
- They will be fully wheelchair accessible and built using sustainability best practices such as solar heating panels to meet 'Nearly Zero Energy Building Standards'.
- **Ardmore Site:** the proposed site is in the existing car park, next to the sand castle building, and compensatory car parking will have to be secured to ensure the project can progress.

Indicative Timeline:

- May 2021: Compliance Phase 1 submitted
- Sept 2021: Compliance Phase 2 submitted
- Q4 2021: Funding approval by FI
- Q1 2021: Detailed design
- Q2 2022: Planning Permission
- Q4 2022: Building
- Q2 2023: Facility Complete

5. Dungarvan Town Centre Management

Town Centre Footfall Data

- There was a small decrease in visitors (-3.7%) between March 2021 and April 2021.

- While there was a decrease in total visitors, the daily average visit length for April was 25 minutes which up slightly from 24 minutes in the previous month. There was also a small increase in those spending between 1-6 hours in the town centre indicating a longer 'dwell time'.
- The repeat visitor rate for April was 91.4%, down from 93% in March. The number of 'first time' visitors was up by 16.5% on the previous month.

**Level of Engagement: Dungarvan town centre
Jan-Apr 2021**

