

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR**  
**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COMERAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Economic Development Report to the end of January 2022**

**1. Rural Economic Development**

**Town Centre First Plan** – DRCD allocated €100,000.00 to Waterford City & County Council to develop an unique master plan for Portlaw, Co. Waterford. The Department envisages that the Plan will cover the importance of “place-making”, town centre living, the social and economic purpose of the town, and respond to emerging opportunities such as those linked to remote working, climate action and digitalisation. The deadline for the Council to complete this project is June 2023.

**Town & Village Renewal Scheme Streetscape Measure 2021-** Christmas features and festoon lights purchased for Portlaw and installed by local voluntary community. Remaining elements such as painting and planting to be completed as soon as is practical.

**2. Waterford Trails**

**ORIS 2021**

In November Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced funding allocations under the **2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (Measure 1)**, which supports the small scale repair/development/promotion and marketing of trails and outdoor recreation amenities nationwide. Waterford City & County Council has been successful in being awarded funding for three projects under the scheme as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>General description of project</b>	<b>ORIS funding allocated</b>
Cleary's Boreen Walk Project, Portlaw	Improvement works to a section of Clearys Boreen.	€20,000.00
Waterford Trails- Development of Promotional Resources	Update, design and print of Waterford Trails Promotional Resources.	€17,370.00

- Waterford City and County Council was successful in securing €562,140.00 in funding under the 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), Measure 2 and 3 (November 2021)
  - Development of Crough Wood Trailhead, Amenities and Car Park, Mahon Bridge, Co. Waterford-€365,328.30
  - Kilmacthomas River Walk Enhancement Works-€69,930.00
  - Waterford Trails and Outdoor Amenities: Visitor and Footfall Counting Project-€76,885.44
  - A separate 'Project Development' funding stream was also made available to projects that are at an early stage of appraisal. Waterford was awarded funding for feasibility and preliminary design of a Copper Coast Walking Trail under this category-€50,000.00