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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

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

**1. North Quays**

**a. SDZ Developer**

- i) WCCC is having ongoing engagement with private developers to review options and markets for SDZ site.

**b. Main contract**

- i) The main construction tender for the infrastructural works, including the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works was issued on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**c. Planning applications**

- i) An Bord Pleanála received four submissions in relation to the Western Flood Defence planning application.

**d. Tender stage - advanced contracts/ enabling works**

- i) Tenders have been returned for the Rock Stabilisation works to the north of Plunkett Station, they are currently being assessed by Roughan O'Donovan Consulting Engineers.  
ii) Work is ongoing by Kilkenny County Council on the Greenway Access Ramp at Abbey Bridge.  
iii) It is proposed to commence the South Plaza Enabling Works in late January 2022.  
iv) Tender for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station was reissued in December 2021.

**2. Tramore Public Realm**

- Works are now substantially complete on Main St to Queen St/Broad St junction and Strand Tce. Traffic can again go from Broad St to Queen St and also enter Strand Tce.
- Works that were previously deferred at the Gallwey's Hill/Strand St have recommenced and the previously advertised road closure will come into effect from today (January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021) for a period of up to 12 weeks.
- Works are also continuing on the link from Market St to Quishes/Supervalu car park.
- Current anticipated date for substantial completion of the entire project assuming favourable weather conditions is the end of March 2022 .

**3. Bilberry to City Centre Greenway Link**

- Works recommenced on site today and will continue to concentrate on the diversion of existing services, public lighting installation and accommodation works in the section between Bilberry Car Park and the Old foundry Site. Selection and confirmation of Sub-Contractors (Steelwork and piling, stone masons, paving etc) are ongoing.
- Another Road Closure of Bilberry road to facilitate drainage works will be put in place this week for a period of up to 10 weeks.
- The expected contract duration remains at 18 months.

**4. Communications**

HiLite TV was commissioned to produce a 90 second video highlighting Christmas in Tramore, for retail and highlighting the public amenities. Posted on social media the video had a reach of 11,384.

**5. Rural Development**

**Town & Village Renewal Scheme Streetscape Measure 2021**\_Christmas lights purchased for the Christmas Trees in Passage East.

**6. Tourism**

**Water Sports Activity Facility Centre in Tramore**

Tramore (and Ardmore) have passed Compliance Stage 2 which is part of the funding approval process with Failte Ireland. FI have confirmed that:

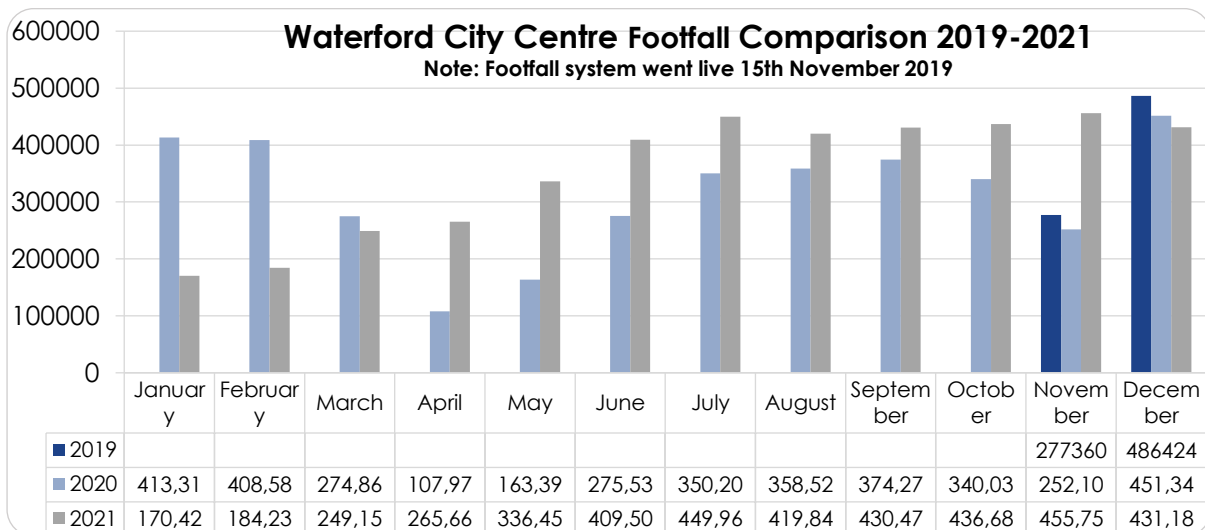
- A maximum grant of €850,000 will be available for each site
- 3rd party professional fees are an eligible cost within the €850,000 maximum budget

In November, Failte Ireland also approved €30,000 funding for WCCC to support the advancement of a planning application for both the Ardmore and Tramore sites (15k per site). This funding is distinct from the overall funding to build the facility centres and is to be used to progress the project to the planning stage.

**Irish Silver Museum receives substantial silver donation**

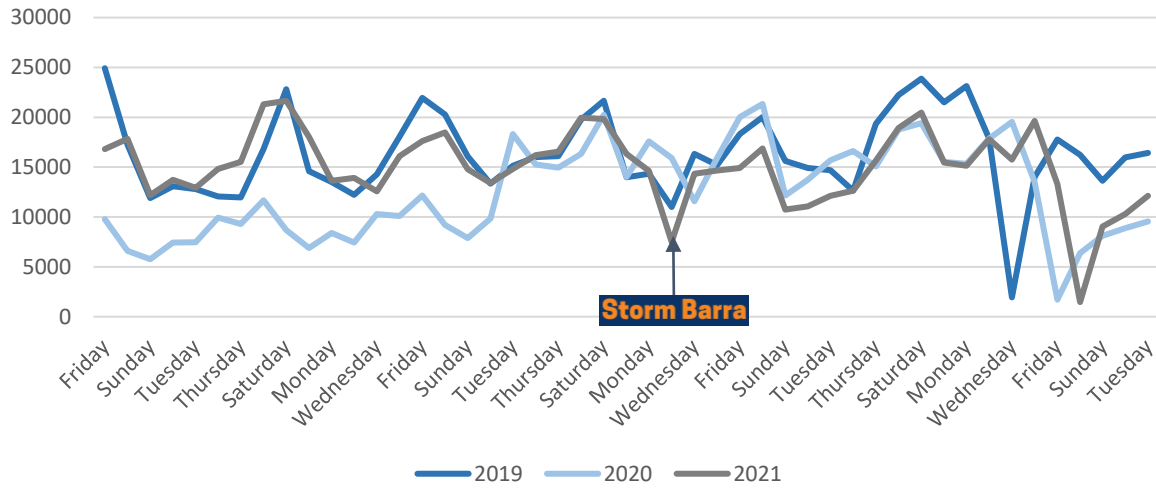
The Irish Silver Museum has been approved for two further donations valued at €850,000 and €750,000 respectively. These donations will ensure that the Irish Silver Museum in Waterford will have one of the largest collections of antique Irish silver in the world and will be the only museum in the world dedicated solely to celebrating the virtuoso craftsmen and women who over the centuries produced magnificent works of art in silver.

**7. City Centre Management**



### Comparison of Winterval Figures: 2019, 2020 & 2021

Note: Comparison is by day of the week and not date



Calendar of meetings for the Waterford City Centre Management Group:

27<sup>th</sup> January

31<sup>st</sup> March

30<sup>th</sup> June

29<sup>th</sup> September

24<sup>th</sup> November