

Economic Development: Metropolitan Report – January 2021

North Quays

1.1 Sustainable Transport Bridge

Detailed design for the Sustainable Transport Bridge is progressing. Documentation for Foreshore licence, Section 50 application, Bridge Order, etc. is currently being finalised for issue.

1.2 Transport Hub

Detailed design on the new transport hub as well as preliminary design for flood defence works are commencing.

1.3 SDZ Access Infrastructure

Detailed design for the SDZ Access and Public Road Infrastructure for the North Quays area is continuing. Tenders have been received for the proposed demolition contract works, these are currently being reviewed by Roughan O'Donovan, consulting engineers. Tender documents for service diversion works are due to be issued shortly.

1.4 SDZ Development

The SDZ developer, Falcon Real Estate Development Ireland submitting their application for the North Quays Strategic Development Zone on 17th December 2019.

2. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of December 2019 Cumulative Figure	At end of December 2020 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	310	320
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	36	37
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	21	35
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€703,315	€835,970
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	2,144	3,361
Value of Measure 2 support given	€567,861	€1,498,632

Other Main Supports (from 16th March)

Support (Figures not included in cumulative table)	Applications Submitted	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals €	No. of Vouchers Fully Paid	Value of Payments €
Business Continuity Voucher*	682	592	€1,392,343	541	€1,268,544
Trading Online Voucher	481	446	€1,060,112		
MicroFinance Ireland Applications	25	21	€503,420		
LEO Client Stimulus Fund	62	62	€276,906		

Support - Figures included in cumulative table	No. of Participants
COVID Mentoring	623
COVID Training	1,706

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018

Estuary Coastal Path – DRCD drawdown completed – final snags outstanding and are to be completed in January 2021 – National Trails office to assess and accredit trail in February which would indemnify landowners

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019

Fenor – road resurfacing (bowling) to be carried out in Spring 2021 by WCCC Roads. Playground and Village amenity works awaiting contractor to mobilise on site

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020

Relevant Metropolitan Municipal District application submitted for DRCD consideration – awaiting outcome Rural Transport Needs Assessment and Bus infrastructure project – Local Link

Town & Village Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measure - 2020

Town & Village Renewal Scheme measure to assist towns and villages in recovery effort from Covid-19: the following applications relevant to the Metropolitan area are being progressed:

Local Flavours - Rural Waterford
Dunmore East
Passage East
Tramore

Rural Waterford Tourism App/VEDP for Rural Waterford
Village web portal (commercial/tourism) and heritage signage
Provision of canopy and amenity seating in community area
Repurposing Railway Square as an outdoor Market Space

Tourism

▪ FÁILTE IRELAND PLATFORMS FOR GROWTH – FACILITY CENTRES FOR WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES SCHEME

This scheme is designed for Local Authorities only and is anticipated to deliver a network of Water-sports Activity Facilities Centres around the country via a collaborative approach to assist in the development of Ireland as a destination for outdoor activities. Facility Centres for Water-Based Activities will include all-weather changing facilities at existing water-based locations.

Key Information:

- €15mil funding available for 20-25 sites nationally (approx €600,000 per site)
- In consultation with FI two sites in Waterford have made it through the pre-approval process:
 - Ardmore
 - Tramore
- Applications for Ardmore & Tramore have been submitted and we expect to hear about the status of these applications in Feb 2021

Trails

Greenway Feasibility Studies

- Currently preparing brief to engage consultants to undertake a route assessment and feasibility study into the development of a Greenway from Waterford City to Tramore.

Winterval 2020

A re-imagined Winterval was delivered in 2020. Initial feedback is very positive and a full review will be conducted in advance of planning for 2021.

Footfall in Waterford City centre - 2020

