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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

IÚIL 2021
JULY 2021

North Quays

a. SDZ Developer.

i) A commercial property adviser(s) will be engaged to assist the Council in re-engaging with the marketplace and looking at a revised proposal for the North Quays SDZ site.

b. Main contract.

i) The main construction tender documents for the Waterford North Quays infrastructural works comprising the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works will be independently reviewed prior to issue on etenders.

c. Planning applications.

i) A Part 8 planning application for greenway access provision at Abbey Bridge has commenced. Commencement date 29th June 2021, with any submissions and observations to be returned by 27th July 2021.

ii) A planning application for the western flood defence works has been prepared, to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála, the application is currently being reviewed with Iarnród Éireann.

d. Tender stage - advanced contracts/ enabling works.

i) A Tender Assessment Report for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station was prepared by Nicholas O'Dwyer Consulting Engineers and this has been followed with a meeting with the preferred contractors.

ii) Tenders have been received for the South Plaza Enabling Works contract and are currently being reviewed by Roughan O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers.

ii) Rock Stabilisation tender to be issued imminently.

e. Ongoing contracts.

i) Transport Hub Independent Design Safety Certification by a Notified Body (NoBo) and Sustainable Transport Bridge Cat 3 Independent Design Check contracts are progressing with Atkins and Hewson Consulting Engineers respectively.

ii) The construction works to the South East Greenway at Abbey road will commence shortly.

Tramore Public Realm

Niall Barry & Co continuing with works on site, and a summary of progress is as follows:

i) All water and waste water services have been upgraded for full length of Strand St and Main St.

- ii) Ducting for all utility companies have been diverted and re-laid and all overhead ESB lines and poles are in the process of being removed.
- iii) New Public Lighting columns have been erected and new lights made live at the end of June.
- iv) The concrete base slab for the 'Central Public Realm' area i.e. Cahill's to Queen St is 95% complete and paving sub-contractor commenced the laying of the Limestone and Granite stone week. Paving is expected to be substantially completed by September.
- v) Temporary traffic management and road closures are still in place and will remain so for remainder of project. An estimated 4 week road closure will be required in early September to facilitate traffic calming and a speed table at the junction of Gallwey's Hill and Strand Street.
- vi) Works have commenced on the link from Market St to Supervalu/Quishes Car Park.
- vii) Current anticipated date for substantial completion of the project is September 2021.

Tramore to Waterford Greenway Link – Feasibility Study

- i) Contract documents completed and have been reviewed by the NTA
- ii) Tender for Consultant to be advertised Week commencing July 12th
- iii) Appointment of successful Consultant expected to be made in August

Bilberry to City Centre Greenway Link

- i) Detailed design and tendering complete.
- ii) Preferred tenderer has been selected and WCCC awaiting on approval of same by NTA
- iii) It is expected to formally appoint contractor during July and site works to commence in August with an 18 month contract duration.

LIHAF Kilbarry

- i) Construction contract is complete (Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering) – 1.1 kms of new road, 500m of realigned Lacken road, services, public lighting and footpath/cycle paths and sewage pumping station is now in place. Final out-turn cost of contract = €3.3m vs tender of €3.1m
- ii) David Flynn Ltd contractor for Kilbarry Developments/Whitebox Ltd have commenced works on first 99 unit phase of housing on adjacent lands. Show houses scheduled to be completed by September/October.
- iii) Overall permission has been granted for 373 units which will be built over the next 2/3 years
- iv) 69 Units have been constructed and completed for Respond and are now fully occupied.

LIHAF Gracedieu

- i) Design complete, however Developer (Summer west Ltd) has yet to obtain planning for the proposed 278 units
- ii) No further progress possible until planning has been secured by the Developer.

WIT to City Centre Green Route

- i) Consultants are continuing with detailed design of the section of the route from Tramore Road/Cork Road Junction to Colbeck St in line with the Part 8 Planning that was obtained in October 2021.
- ii) Pending NTA approvals it is hope to have a contractor appointed and commence construction in Q1/Q2 of 2022.

Rural Development Town Village Renewal Scheme 2021

- Up to 8 applications per Local Authority – €1.45m maximum per LA; Waterford preparing 8 applications to be submitted for funding; currently finalising costings for final submissions to the DRCD by 16th July 2021.

Town/Village	Brief Overview of proposal
Dunmore East	Project proposal to address vacant building at Dunmore East Harbour and also upgrade works to community facilities & public areas
Copper Coast	A study of climate change impact & mitigation of coastal erosion at selected sites plus digital trail app

Recreational Trails

The new *Walk Waterford-From Sea to Mountains* booklet along with an accompanying on-line resource www.visitwaterfordtrails.com with new trail mapping, videos and images was recently launched by Mayor of Waterford City & County Council, Cllr. Joe Kelly at the beautiful Anne Valley Walk. These new promotional resources have been prepared by Waterford City & County Council and funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The launch coincides with what will no doubt be a very busy summer season for outdoor recreation in Waterford.



Tourism

Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth – Facility Centres For Water-Based Activities
funding scheme: Tramore

Indicative Timeline:

- May 2021: Compliance 1 Design and Build **Completed**
- Sept 2021: Compliance 2 Operational
- Q4 2021: Funding approval by FI
- Q1 2021: Detailed design
- Q2 2022: Planning Permission
- Q4 2022: Building
- Q2 2023: Facility Complete

TRT: Tourism Resilience Taskforce

Visit Waterford promotional campaign 'Your Adventure Starts Here' launched on 24th

May; local, regional and national campaign across traditional and digital media which complements the FI 'Keep Discovering' National Campaign also launched this week.

Discover Ireland 'Keep Discovering' campaign

Waterford ads which are part of the 'Keep Discovering' Fáilte Ireland marketing campaign appeared in six publications on Friday June 11th: Irish Independent, Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Irish Daily Star, Irish Daily Mail, Irish Daily Mirror and on Sunday in the Sunday Mirror.

Keep Discovering Waterford

Fáilte Ireland

Tramore Blue Flag Beach
WWW.DISCOVERIRELAND.IE/WATERFORD/TRAMORE-BEACH
Try the many water sports on offer including surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing at Tramore's golden sandy beach or enjoy a walk along the promenade.

Viking Triangle
WWW.VISITWATERFORD.COM/VW_LISTING/WATERFORD-VIKING-TRIANGLE
Discover the Viking Triangle with its narrow streets, medieval walls and collections of magnificent attractions, including Waterford Treasures and House of Waterford Crystal.

Lismore Historic Town
WWW.DISCOVERIRELAND.IE/LISMORE
Enjoy a walk through this charming historic town, then explore gardens at Lismore Castle, before immersing in the virtual reality experience at Lismore Heritage Centre.

Waterford Greenway
WWW.DISCOVERIRELAND.IE/WATERFORD-GREENWAY
The old railway line from Waterford City to Dungarvan is a spectacular 46km off-road cycling and walking trail which travels through time and nature.

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

For great ideas of things to see and do, visit DiscoverIreland.ie

Dunmore East featured in the 11th June *Keep Discovering Ezine* which was issued to the 55k consumer database. View it here:

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Discover Great Stagescations

Dunmore East, Waterford

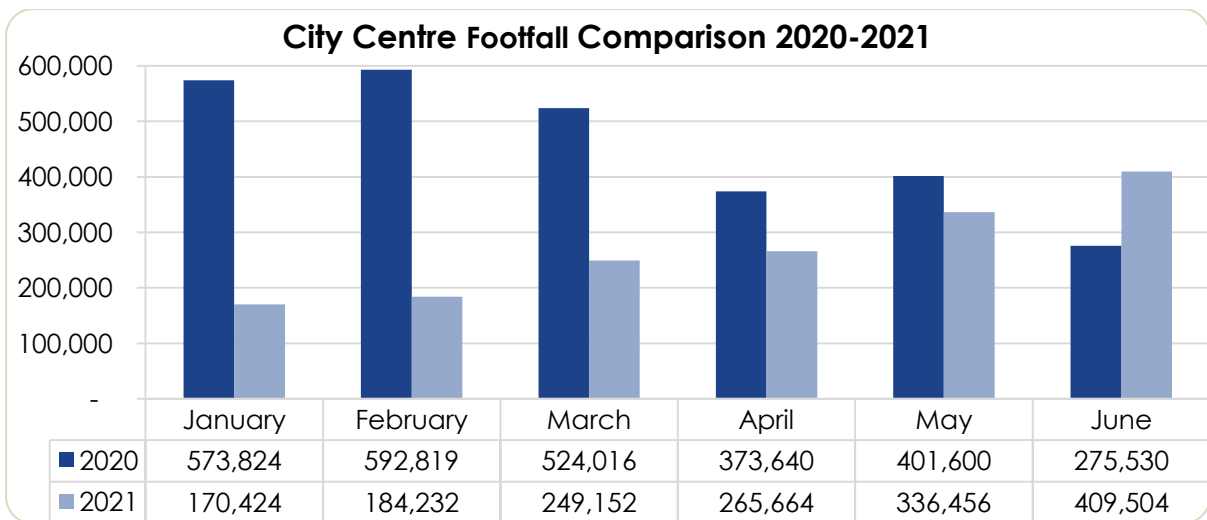
Plan a road trip to the gorgeous village of Dunmore East. With its thatched cottages and golden beaches, [this corner of Waterford is holiday perfection](#). Swim in hidden sea coves, check out the cliff walk and eat fresh seafood on the pier - you'll never want to leave.

Visit Dunmore East



Economic Development

Footfall in Waterford City centre – 2020 & 2021



Note: The chart below compare days of the week as opposed to dates to allow for direct comparison.

