

15th January 2020

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF
WATERFORD**

Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of Dec 2018 Cumulative Figure	At end of Dec 2019 Cumulative Figure
No. of Clients Met	452	310
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	29	36
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	25	31
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€19,833	€703,315
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	1501	2144
Value of Measure 2 support given	€81,077	€67,861

Student Enterprise Programme 2019

- 689 secondary school students from 13 secondary schools took part in our Student Enterprise Programme.
- 230 primary school children from 8 primary schools took part in our LEAP Programme.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Town and Village Renewal Scheme - 2018

Estuary : Coastal Walk Porthully to Ballymacaw in progress.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme - 2019

Fenor , being progressed.

North Quays

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.

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.

Tourism

Destination Towns

An application for funding under Failte Ireland's Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital investment Programme 2019 was successful for visitor orientation and wayfinding.

Platforms for growth 23019- 2022 A Programme for Tourism investment

The Councils application under this programme to develop a world-class visitor experience in the Viking Triangle on the sorting office site has progressed to stage 3 of the application process.

PURPLE FLAG UPDATE:

The evening and night-time economy is an important driver of tourism, leisure and business growth within Waterford City; Purple Flag's primary focus in 2019 was to support the various stakeholders involved in the ENTE.

January 2020 sees the committee prepare renewal documents and KPI's for our application to the Association of Town & City Management for the renewal of Waterford City's Purple Flag status. During December, the City Safe Network, a sub group of the late night operators

in the Purple Flag Zone ran an updated campaign for the Ask for Angela safety campaign refreshing the poster to reflect the festive season and student nights out. WITSU were supportive in these campaigns.

A Barred from One Barred from All campaign was set up and rolled out just in time for the Christmas season in 2019. Both schemes were reported as very successful during what was a very busy season and send the strong message of safety and vibrance in Waterford City Centre after dark.