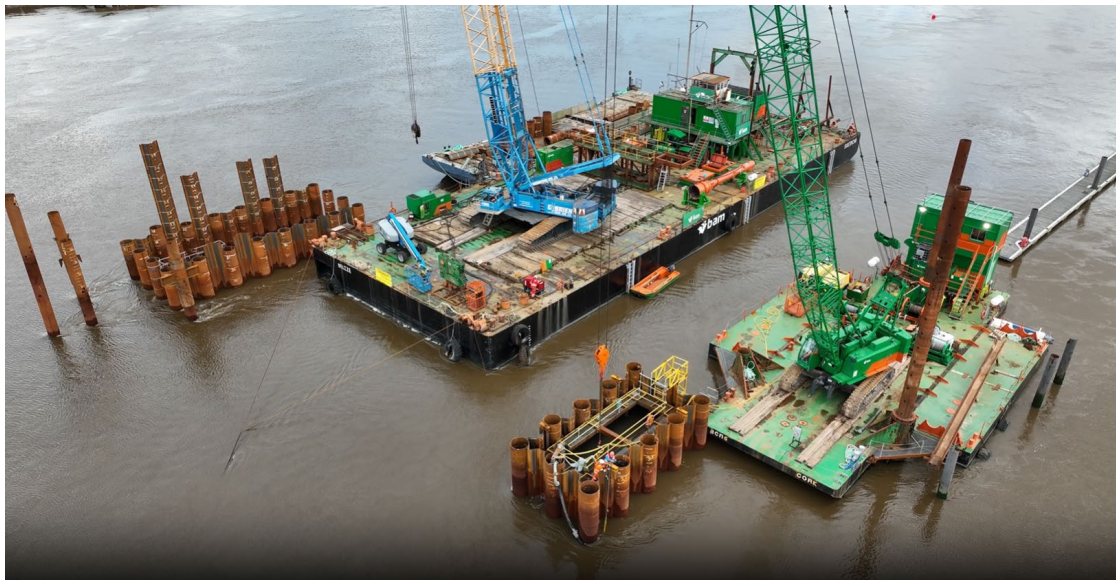


**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

Economic Development Report September 2023

1. North Quays

Works are progressing well on the North Quays main contract. For the Sustainable Transport Bridge the second of four cofferdams is currently being constructed. This will allow for water to be drained from within the cofferdams, creating a workspace below water level and permit construction of the concrete pier foundations.



Sustainable Transport Bridge Cofferdam Construction

Piling and laying of foundations at the existing bus station, new train station and bridge structures are also ongoing and progressing well.



Sheet piling to the rear of the Bus Eireann Site



Bridge abutments for vehicular bridge, opposite the Ard Ri entrance

Traffic management measures are in place along Dock Road and operating well. A new road surface and paving are being installed in the current works area and the same process, installing sewer and surface water network services followed by resurfacing and paving will then progress to the next section of Dock Road and accompanied by associated traffic management measures.

ROD Consulting Engineers have been appointed as Design Consultants for the Flood Defence contract.

David Walsh Civil Engineering contractor is progressing on programme for both the Pump Station Enabling Works and the Ferrybank Pump Station relocation contract.

City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

Barker Place, O'Connell Street (Project L), works to the ground floor are complete for the provision of a community and cultural hub. Waterford Integrated Services has moved in and is operating from the premises.

Munster express (Project F), the CE Report for the Part 8 planning process was presented at the Metropolitan District meeting on September 18th for the development of a SMART City Technological Facility and Exhibition space. The proposals were adopted unchanged. Letters of Notification have been issued to submission parties. The final Procurement Strategy will be confirmed in coming days for a Design Team to deliver the project.

Parade Quay (Project P, Q & R), Housing, public realm and commercial development –Part 8 Planning process to commenced in October 2023.

3 & 4 Georges Street (Project C) - An Architect-led design team to project manage and oversee the refurbishment and repurposing of 3 & 4 Georges Street for commercial use will be appointed shortly.

The Art house & 7&8 Thomas Street (Project J& I) – The tender process for the appointment of consultants to oversee the refurbishment of all three projects is due to commence shortly.

2. Town & Village Renewal Scheme

- Grants claimed for Dunmore East value - 60% claim €146,358.00.



Dunmore East

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

- **Measure 1 Applications submitted to Dept of Rural and Community Development 5th September:**

Community Group	Project
SETU	Biodiversity hot spot and pocket recreation area on the Waterford Greenway
Passage East and Crooke Development Association CLG	Passage East Trail – Repair and upgrade of steps
Visit Waterford	Visit Waterford – Outdoor Recreation Induction

Proposed Measure 2 Applications to be submitted to Dept of Rural and Community Development 27th October:

- Dunmore East Coastal Walk – Portally Cove Steps Upgrade
- Benvoy Cove – Upgrade beach access

Currently implementing 15 projects around the county, funded under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) between 2020 and 2022.

Waterford Greenway

- Ongoing development projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII including.

Waterford Trails

Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford regarding ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford's existing recreational trail network. www.visitwaterfordtrails.com

Water Activity Centre – Tramore

Faite Ireland awarded grant assistance of €1.7m for the design, construction and fit out of a Water Activity Centres to be located in Tramore.

Progress is as follows:

- Approval from FI and the variation to the 'Exemplar design' has been received.
- Part 8 Planning - process has commenced and the period for submission of comments/observations has now expired. Based on the submission received from Uisce Eireann (Irish water) it will not be possible to locate the Centre at the selected location, the design team are currently examining alternatives

3. Destination Towns

Since the last meeting, project is now complete apart from the installation of the new 'Wayfinding & Orientation' signage, these works are scheduled to be completed by end of September/Mid-October 2023.

The funding Acknowledgement Plaque is now in place and the 'launch date' with Faite Ireland took place on 19th September. Draw-down of grant money will also take place in early October.

4. Shared Island Project

Delegation from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, along with community representatives from the villages of Glenarm and Portglenone travelled southwards to visit Waterford City and County Council as part of the Shared Island programme on 12th September 2023. The focus of the Waterford-Antrim project under the programme is around the theme of Rural and Urban Regeneration.



Curraghmore Group