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

Economic Development Report September 2023

1. North Quays

BAM is progressing works in the river, at the Transport Hub site and also along Dock Road and Abbey Road.

For the Sustainable Transport Bridge the first of four cofferdams is currently being constructed in the River Suir.



Sustainable Transport Bridge Cofferdam Construction

Piling for the train stations southern platform is also ongoing and sheet piling for flood defence for the platforms have been installed. Section of new track has also been laid.



Traffic management measures are in place along Dock Road to install sewer and surface water network services. While a design consultant for the Flood Defence contract is due to be appointed shortly.

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



Works progressing at Ferrybank pump station

City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

Barker Place, O'Connell Street (Project L), works are substantially complete to fit out the ground floor as a community and cultural hub and licence agreements currently being established with tenant.



16-18 Barker Place (Project L) – works substantially complete

Munster express (Project F), the CE report for the Part 8 planning process will be presented to Council for decision for the development of a SMART City Experimental Facility / Gov Labs.

Parade Quay (Project Q), Housing, public realm and commercial development – design proposals are being finalised and a business case is currently being prepared for the OPW for the acquisition of property within the Parade Quay site.

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. Funding under the Community Recognition Fund is also being claimed for no. 8 Thomas Street.

2. Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Dunmore East – TVRS 2021

- 60% Grant claimed from DRCD; contractors currently on site at Dunmore East Fisherman's Hall. They are undertaking essential repairs to the electrics, roofing and internal and external render of this historically important building.

Passage East – TVRS 2022

- Tender for Harbour Area Feasibility Study currently published.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023:

- A call for funding under Measure 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the ORIS 2023 scheme was issued on 1st June by DRCD.
- WCCC issued a call for expressions of interest from community groups for eligible projects under Measure 1. 7 funding applications were submitted by the 5th September closing date which included 2 potential projects in the Metro area:
 - Upgrade and repair of the walking route and steps up towards old church building, Passage East.

- Project to complete biodiversity area on Waterford Greenway at Carriganore in collaboration with SETU.
- Measure 2 and 3 ORIS applications to be submitted by 27th October.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022:

The following ORIS 2022 funded projects due to be completed by end of 2023:

- Enhancement of Open water swim amenities in Dunmore East to include handrail at slipway, ladder to access water, outdoor clothes hooks, knee high tap and signage - Measure 1. Project ongoing.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2021:

- Revised 'Walk Waterford – From Sea to Mountains' booklet and trail mapping to include recently developed trails. Printed booklet and new map brochure currently being delivered to stakeholders.

Waterford Greenway

- A number of projects are currently being planned and/or implemented on Waterford Greenway with both WCCC funding sources and funding support from TII.

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

3. Tramore

The following items have been completed since last meeting

- Manual bollard at top of main street in place and keys have been distributed to relevant property owners
- 5 Planter boxes and trees now installed.

The following items remain to be completed:

- Works associated with the DMURS Quality/Road Safety Audit are ongoing
- Works for new access/egress barrier for the Tramore Garda Station ongoing

4. Destination Towns

Since the last meeting, progress has been as follows:

- New Sculptures to guide 'footfall' to and highlight the Viking Triangle – 8 nr now in place
- Redefining carparks for visitors – all works complete at Bolton St Car Park.
- Works have commenced on the upgrading of the existing pedestrian 'Way Finding' signage and orientation mapping and are due be complete by mid-September
- Improvements to the pedestrian crossing between the Mall and Bishop's Palace – due to funding shortfall and as road maintenance works are ongoing in the area completion of this item has been postponed.

Launch date with Failte Ireland - This has been set for the 20th September.