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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

Dungarvan/Lismore Municipal District

June, 2021

Economic Development Report

1. Local Enterprise Office

Indicator	At end of May 2020	At end of May 2021
No. of clients applying for Measure 1 support	8	15
No. of clients securing Measure 1 support	8	14
Value of Measure 1 support approved	€154,420	€337,777
No. of clients receiving Measure 2 support	1326	1317
Value of Measure 2 support given	€312,266	€397,047

Support - Trading Online Voucher	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals €
<i>Figures included in cumulative table</i>	46	€88,941

Support - LEO Client Stimulus Scheme	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals €
<i>Figures included in cumulative table</i>	43	€110,176

Meet the Buyer Event 2021

As our economy reopens, two of Waterford's leading business support agencies, Waterford Chamber and Waterford Local Enterprise Office, have come together to encourage companies to buy and sell locally.

This unique opportunity will connect you with other businesses who may be looking for your services or provide the services you require. It is completely **free to take part** and will take place online from June 14th – 16th 2021. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the business community after a hard few months of lockdown.

Meet the Buyer, is a must for any business looking to network and generate sales leads or those interested in taking the hassle out of searching for new suppliers.

Further info at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Waterford/Training-Events/Events/Meet-the-Buyer-Event-2021.html>

2. Rural Economic Development

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Cappoquin RRDF – Project proceeding as per May presentation to Municipal Council with a view towards the submission of a Category 1 RRDF application later in 2021

Next round of RRDF Category 2 funding has been announced with a 16th July closing date for applications. It is proposed that WCCC's main application centres on the development of a Digital Transformation Hub for Dungarvan.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018

Signage contracts in both the Gaeltacht and along the Copper Coast are now complete

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 -

1. Dungarvan - Dungarvan 2040 A Strategic Framework & Implementation Plan – Avison Young appointed to deliver this project. The Dungarvan Town Centre Group are liaising with Avison Young to progress this project.
2. Knockanore - Tender for IT equipment – contractor appointed.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021

12 completed Expressions of Interest were received before closing date from across the County. Submissions will be reviewed in accordance with guidance from DRCD.

3. Waterford Trails

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2020:

As previously communicated, WCCC allocated €688,204 by DRCD in funding for 7 ORIS projects countywide. The following are the details of the Dungarvan/Lismore MD projects:

- Ballinacourty Greenway Spur upgrade. Subject to planning approval. Works to be completed by 31st Aug 2022.
- Owenashad River Walk: Works to be completed by 31st Aug 2022.
- The Towers Walk, Lismore: Works to be completed by 30th October 2021.
- Abbeyside Coastal Pathway: Works to be completed by 30th October 2021.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2019:

Work substantially progressed under all ORIS 2019 projects. Remaining Measure 1 and 2 projects to be complete by 31st August 2021 (following extension granted by DRCD due to Covid restriction related delays).

- Measure 1: EuroVelo Cycle Route and Waterford Cycling Trails signage upgrade works;
- Measure 2: St. Declan's Way Works; Abbeyside Coastal Walk; Camper van parking area; Greenway play areas (30th November 2021 deadline for completion).
- St. Declan's Way (SDW): The SDW committee has formally applied to have the pilgrim route registered with Sport Ireland Outdoors (formerly the National Trails Office). Trail inspected w/b 7th June. Planned official opening and launch, summer 2021, Covid dependent.

Dungarvan to Mallow Greenway Feasibility Study

- WCCC in collaboration with Cork County Council will be in a position to formally appoint consultants to undertake a feasibility study into the development of a Greenway in accordance with National Greenway Standards from Dungarvan to Mallow along the corridor of the former railway line from Dungarvan to Mallow. The Feasibility Report will examine existing infrastructure, identify potential alternative route options and recommend a preferred route along with a constraints report on the preferred route.

Cappoquin Amenity Hub

- As advised at the last MD meeting, WCCC in collaboration with the local community is currently in the process of engaging consultants for the feasibility, planning and design of a number of walking trail and Blueway amenities in the Cappoquin area. It is envisaged that consultants will be appointed shortly. This initiative is one element of the project being funded under Rural Regeneration and Development Funding (RRDF).

Waterford Trails Booklet and Website Re-design

- Following 18 months of work on content and design and with the assistance of ORIS funding, a new Waterford Trails Booklet and re-designed website with new photography and videography will be ready to launch shortly.

4. Dungarvan Town Centre Management

Fáilte Ireland Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme

A proposal costing €135,000 has been submitted to Fáilte Ireland to install 21 parasols and 30 glass screens to facilitate outdoor dining which will be spread out over the following areas of Dungarvan which will be pedestrainised or partially pedestrainised, Grattan Square, Davitts Quay, Castle Park, Main Street, Parnell Street, and Abbeyside.

Town Centre Footfall Data

- The total number of visitors to the town centre has been gradually increasing since February 2021 but figures have not yet returned to the levels experienced between September and December 2020 when footfall monitoring commenced. The re-introduction of Click 'n Collect on May 10th and full retail re-opening on May 17th will have impacted positively on these figures.
- The median visit length is also gradually increasing and in May was 26 minutes compared to 25 minutes in April 2021.
- The repeat visitor rate was down on the previous month from 91.4% to 88%. The number of first time visitors was up 62.5% on the previous month.

