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Economic Development Report July 2022

1. North Quays

a. SDZ Developer

- i. WCCC is in active dialogue with potential developers, the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) and the Land Development Agency in respect of the North Quays SDZ site and intends to progress a proposal to conclusion in the coming months.

b. Contracts

- ii. A Tender was returned and is being assessed for the North Quays main construction contract, this includes the Sustainable Transport Bridge, the Transport Hub and Access Roads. The final business case will be submitted to DHLGH in August 2022 as part of the Public Spending Code Gateway 3 approval.
- iii. Rock stabilisation works have commenced adjacent to Plunkett Railway Station and works are ongoing at the South Plaza to facilitate service diversions for the new Sustainable Transport Bridge landing.
- iv. A letter of intent has been issued to the contractor for the relocation of Ferrybank pump station.
- v. On 24th June the Pump station enabling works contract documents were issued on etenders.
- vi. We are awaiting a decision on the western flood defence planning application that was submitted to An Bord Pleanála in October 2021.
- vii. A contractor will be appointed for footpath widening on Abbey Road in the coming weeks.

2. City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

This comprises 22 individual City Centre projects that are centered around six clusters. The preparation of the Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code is ongoing and it is envisaged that the document will be issued to the DHLGH in early August 2022.

Project L – 16-18 Barker Place, O’Connell Street to fit out as a Community and Cultural Hub has been approved by the URDF to proceed to tender. The tender will be issued on 18th July. Other priorities for 2022 are to complete the design and planning approvals for the Parade Quay Cluster and progress 3 /4 Georges Street as well as the Art House on Thomas Street.

3. Tramore

- All public realm and infrastructural works to Main Street, Gallweys Hill junction and Market Street including the new car park (with 27 new spaces) are substantially complete.
- Some minor works remain such as control of the access/egress to Main St for local residents, completion of the pedestrian crossing adjacent to Cahill’s on Market St and the removal of O/H electric infrastructure and poles at lower Main St/Gallwey’s Hill junction.
- A contractor has been appointed and commenced works on the refurbishment to No. 9 Main Street for ground floor commercial use and upper floor accommodation which is scheduled to be substantially complete by October 2022.

**4. Rural Economic Development
2022 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme**

Waterford City & County Council received guidance from the Dept. Rural & Community Development that the roll out of the 2022 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme has been paused. It is expected further clarification regarding the Scheme will be received shortly.

Town Village Renewal Scheme 2022 – Rural Development Team are liaising with selected communities to develop applications for submitting on 22nd July 2022 to the Dept. Rural & Community Development.

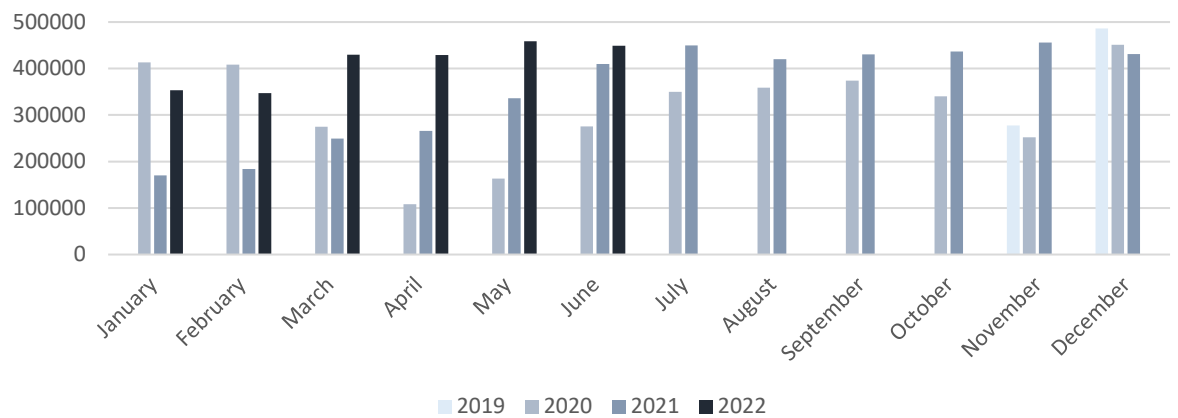
5. City & Town Centre Management

- The next Waterford City Centre Management Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday 29th September.
- The next Tramore Town Centre Management Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20th September.

City Centre Footfall Analytics

Waterford City Centre Footfall Comparison 2019-2022

Note: Footfall system went live 15th November 2019



Waterford City Centre Weekly Footfall Figures 2020-2022: Week 01-27

