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Economic Development Report June 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. The South Plaza Enabling Works contract commenced on 9th May 2022, works are due to be complete at the end of the summer.
- iii. Cumnor Construction Ltd has been appointed for the Rock Stabilisation Works to the north of Plunkett Station, works are due to commence on 30th May.
- iv. The tender return date for the Main Construction Infrastructural Works has been extended to the 17th June 2022, this includes the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works.
- v. The contractor for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station is due to be appointed in early June.
- vi. Tenders have been returned for the Footpath Widening contract on Abbey Road and are currently being assessed by Roughan O'Donovan Consulting Engineers.
- vii. Tender documents for the Pump Station Enabling Works are being finalised for issue.

2. City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

- 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 URDF Section within the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in July.
- A Project Appraisal for Project L – 16-18 Barker Place, O'Connell Street to fit out as a Community and Cultural Hub has been submitted to the URDF for approval to progress the tender.
- A Planning report for the Part 8 application for Parade Quay Cluster has been submitted to Planning Section for review. The proposed development is to provide residential accommodation above new ground floor retail / food and beverage units (124- 129 Parade Quay), a public plaza, refurbishment of 123a and 123b Parade Quay and re-establish historical links with Greyfriars 'Museum of Time' building.
- Land acquisitions, building surveys and master planning required for the various regeneration projects are progressing.

3. Tramore

- The Public Realm and water infrastructural works to Main Street are now substantially complete.
- The Gallwey's Hill junction re-opened to through traffic on April 1st and access to Lower Strand Street re-opened on May 27th
- Work on the Market Street to Supervalu car park and Garda Station Entrance is scheduled to be complete during week commencing June 13th.

- Refurbishment of No. 9 Main St – contractor has been appointed and is to commence work in June 2022 and continue until October 2022.

4. Rural Economic Development

2022 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme

On 19th May 2022 the DRCD announced details for the 2022 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme. The focus of this Measure is to support the upgrade and enhancement of shopfronts and street facades of defined areas within selected rural town/village centres. One prioritised town or village must be selected by each Local Authority.

5. City & Town Centre Management

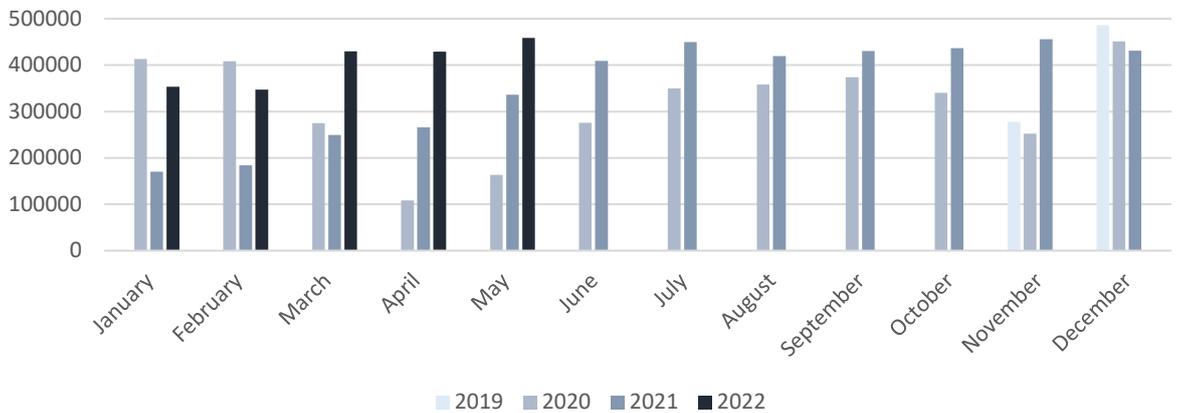
- The next Waterford City Centre Management Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30th June.
- The next Tramore Town Centre Management Group meeting will be scheduled for September.

City Centre Footfall Analytics

- Overall footfall figures for Waterford City centre for May 2022 were up on the previous month and up significantly on 2021.

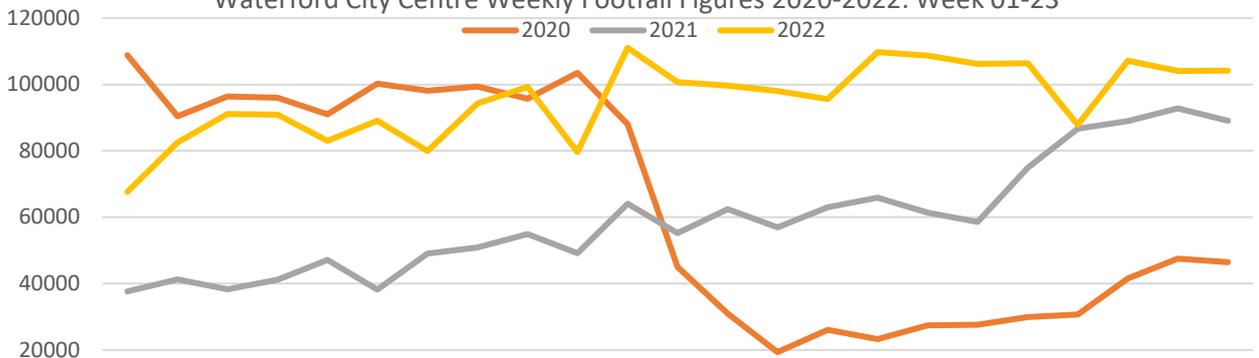
Waterford City Centre Footfall Comparison 2019-2022

Note: Footfall system went live 15th November 2019



Note: In May 2021, there was a phased re-opening of non-essential retail and by 15th May a full re-opening of all retail. On May 10th, inter country travel was allowed.

Waterford City Centre Weekly Footfall Figures 2020-2022: Week 01-23



	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2020	108840	90464	96432	96024	91016	100240	98112	99400	95736	103560	88064	44960	30944	19328	26000	23264	27376	27608	29848	30664	41504	47472	46472
2021	37624	41240	38264	41168	47112	38184	49008	50824	54944	49136	64040	55176	62400	56888	62952	65896	61336	58608	74912	86632	89008	92800	89088
2022	67640	82536	91080	90952	83016	89120	79952	94232	99240	79656	111048	100712	99624	97984	95576	109784	108752	106232	106384	87832	107128	104048	104176