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

Economic Development Report May 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. Cumnor Construction Ltd and Suir Plant Ltd have been appointed for the Rock Stabilisation works to the north of Plunkett Station and the South Plaza Enabling works respectively, both contracts works commenced on 9th May 2022.
- iii. The main construction infrastructural works is currently being tendered, this includes the development of a Sustainable Transport Bridge, Transport Hub and SDZ Access Infrastructure Works. The tender period has been extended to 27th May 2022.
- iv. Tenders Assessment and Project Appraisal for the relocation of the Ferrybank Pump Station have been prepared by Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants. These documents and updated costs report have been circulated with Irish Water and the NTA for review. We await approval to appoint the contractor as recommended in the Tender Assessment Report.
- v. Tender documents have been issued for footpath widening on Abbey Road with a return date of 20th May, it is envisaged that works will commence mid summer.
- vi. Tender documents for the Pump station enabling works are prepared and we are awaiting approval to issue the tender.

2. City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

- We are seeking to progress the tender for Project L – 16-18 Barker Place as a Community and Cultural Hub, a project appraisal and updated costs are being submitted to the Department for approval.
- A Planning report has been prepared in advance of a Part 8 application for Parade Quay Cluster, 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.
- Quantity Surveyors Nolans Construction Consultants have been engaged to review cost estimates for each of the 22 projects to feed into the preliminary business case, and that will be submitted to the Department for approval shortly.
- Land acquisitions required for the various 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, however works are continuing on Lower Strand St and are expected to be completed during week commencing May 16th.
- Work on the Market Street to Supervalu car park is also ongoing and is scheduled to be substantially completed during week commencing June 6th.
- Refurbishment of No. 9 Main St – contractor has been selected and is scheduled to commence work in June 2022 and continue until October 2022.



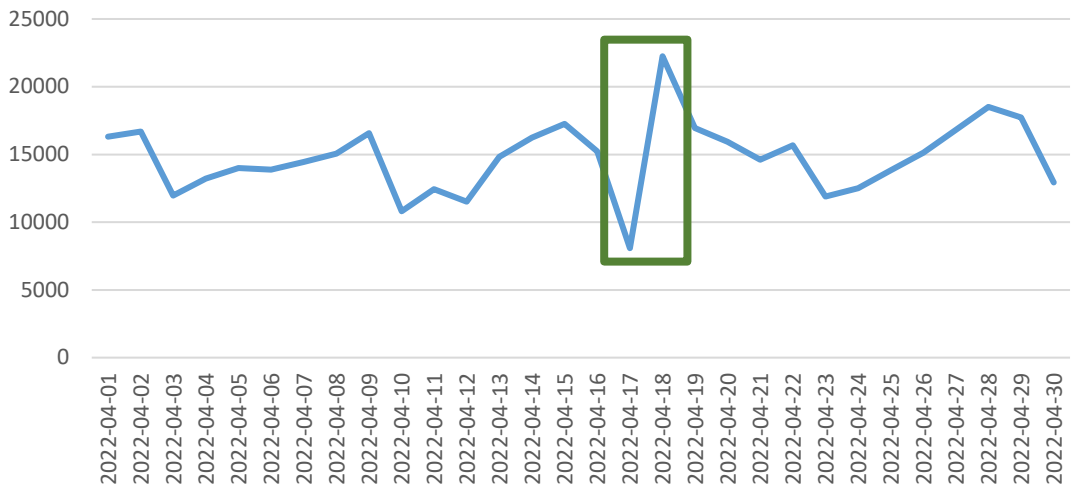
4. City & Town Centre Management

- The next Waterford City Centre Management Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30th June.
- The next Tramore Town Centre Management Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7th May.

City Centre Footfall Analytics

- Overall footfall figures for Waterford City centre for April 2022 were in line with the previous month and up significantly on 2021.

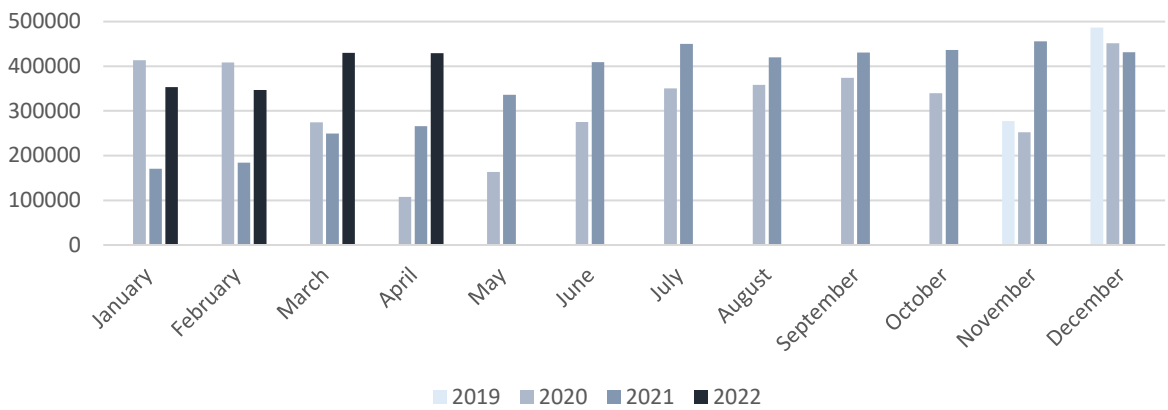
Waterford City Centre Footfall: April 2022



*Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday

Waterford City Centre Footfall Comparison 2019-2022

Note: Footfall system went live 15th November 2019



Note: In April 2021, Level 5 restrictions were eased from April 12th, with travel restricted to within the county or 20km from home.

Waterford City Centre Weekly Footfall Figures 2020-2022: Week 01-18

