

Dear Clients & Contacts,

We hope that you are safe and well and enjoying the nice weather.

Please find attached:

1. A link to our client survey. We would really appreciate five minutes of your time, just to click on this survey, and we would appreciate your honest feedback please.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLXMHWJ>

2. Please find attached the PWC pre-Budget submission protecting and re-starting Irish SMEs in Budget 2021, pre-Budget submission for your perusal.

<https://www.pwc.ie/services/tax/insights/pre-budget-submission-2021.html>

3. Please also find attached for those of you that are in hospitality, a Failte Ireland deep dive by Kantar which looks at consumer insights with some interesting data /report to look at.

https://mcusercontent.com/0228db432639ff6a2a61150a6/files/1c629133-0cbb-469c-a765-5772526f052c/COVID_19_Consumer_Sentiment_Report_.pdf?mc_cid=837714ae45&mc_eid=f2daa5ec3f

4. **Commercial rates waiver:** With limited exceptions, all businesses will be granted a waiver of commercial rates for the six months to end-September 2020. Updates will be available on [housing.gov.ie](https://www.housing.gov.ie) and from local authorities.

<https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/cork-county-council-covid-19-waiver-commercial-rates>

5. Our new Kinsale Digital Hub recently was showcased in the RTE Boost my business campaign thanks to RTE for this.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/boost-my-business/2020/0806/1157709-the-digital-hubs-creating-remote-communities/>

6. **Restart Grant Plus** - Applications are now open- Here's what you need to know:

The maximum grant will increase to €25,000 and the minimum payment will be €4,000.

To qualify for the scheme, a business must :

- Have 250 employees or less;
- Have a turnover of less than €100,000 per employee;
- Commit to remain open or to reopen if it was closed;
- Intend to retain employees that are on the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme;
- Have a reduced turnover by 25% as a result of COVID-19

Businesses who received the first Restart Grant will be eligible for a top-up payment

to a total combined value of the revised minimum and maximum levels. If you previously applied for the Restart Grant and it was refused, you may reapply as the criteria have now been expanded. Support will also be extended to businesses who previously couldn't access the Restart Grant, including rateable sports businesses and trading charity shops. Non-rated B&Bs will be eligible for a grant payment of €4,000 and must apply through Fáilte Ireland. Applications can be made online via your local authority website. The closing date is 30 September 2020. To learn more about how to best apply the Restart Grant Plus as part of your business re-opening plan, get in touch

Doing Business in Kinsale App – coming soon... #backingbusinessinkinsale

As the next phase of this exciting community based project we have decided to build an App working with us on this project we have engaged James Gale CEO of Mova Ireland which is a fully integrated software development agency from design to development. It builds and maintains a large suite of software solutions for corporate clients across Europe and USA. From networking apps to event software and corporate communication tools their detail can be found on www.mova.ie

To help support the local community we will be listing free all local clubs and organisations free of charge in the town of which there are over 64. The guides are available to read in E-book format on the website www.doingbusinessinkinsale.com and we are thrilled that it has been shortlisted for the CSR Initiative of the Year at the Irish Accountancy Awards 2020 as it was last year. It will include a link to the Chamber of Tourism & Business as part of this to showcase the comeback campaign successfully underway at present.

To help in the recovery and future growth of the town the Doing Business in Kinsale App will be innovative and collaborate with the great work being done collectively by all the stakeholders, groups and organisations in the town using the latest technology. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this project so far and we look forward to bringing you a new and exciting App that will showcase Kinsale in general in a collaborative way all done from your smart phone. Our team are busy building this App and look forward to working with Mova on this project .Contact us if you would like to be part of this new and exiting App or feature your business on it.

Finally :

Our team are busy in business advisory at the moment and we are working with clients to help them to access supports, but also in terms of developing growth strategies so that people can adapt their business and come up with future growth models for 2020/2021 for businesses to survive and thrive in the new business environment. We are all adjusting to the new environment and adapting accordingly as best we can.

I wanted to share an international report sent to me by a good contact which analysed the communications strategies of fourteen countries in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. IPREX, the global communication platform, coordinated a truly worldwide effort to produce a significant piece of analysis, entitled *What's Working To Calm Hearts Worldwide*. Even in this crisis of near-unprecedented magnitude, those simple tools have proven the most effective. The full report is available to download [here](#).

