

MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLECOMER BUDGET MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 9.30AM VIA MS TEAMS

In the chair: Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick

Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Denis Hynes and Michael McCarthy

In attendance: Mr Philippe Beubry, Mr Michael Leahy, Mr Martin Prendiville and Ms Nancy Byrne

Vote of Sympathy

The members joined with the Cathaoirleach in extending a vote of sympathy to the families of the following:

- Mr Harry Byrne, Clover, Gowran, Co Kilkenny
- Mr Martin Burke, 44 Chapelfield, Urlingford, Co Kilkenny

1. Budget 2022 - General Municipal Allocation for the Municipal District of Castlecomer

Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick welcomed all to the Municipal District Budget meeting and invited Mr Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance to commence his presentation.

Mr Prendiville confirmed that the preparation of the 2022 budget is well underway. Mr Prendiville confirmed that the Statutory Budget meeting for the Plenary Council is fixed for November 26th and the total estimated budget expenditure for 2022 is €92.8m. Mr Prendiville outlined the statutory process under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which prescribes the requirement to adopt a budget for the Municipal District. Mr Prendiville outlined significant funding challenges to address including:

- Inflation costs
- Reduction in Commercial rates income
- Match funding for various grant schemes
- Funding of Capital Programme
- Housing and Roads maintenance
- Staff resources

Mr Prendiville confirmed total income from LPT allocation plus contribution from Equalisation Fund is €11.8m, the same as 2021

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Mr Martin Prendiville was welcomed back after his recent leave.
- Mr Michael Leahy was welcomed to his first Budget meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District.
- Mr Martin Prendiville and his team, the Party Whips comprising Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr Andrew McGuinness and Cllr Thomas Breathnach and anyone else involved in the preparation of the 2022 budget were thanked for their contribution to achieve a balanced budget.
- Equitable distribution of expenditure across the Municipal District by Mr Philippe Beubry was acknowledged.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr John Brennan

Seconded by: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavangh

That the Municipal District of Castlecomer hereby adopt the following draft Budget,

Discretionary Roads Budget - €775,000

Discretionary General Budget - € 50,000

All present agreed

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Pat Jephthel

Date:

20/12/2021