

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

Date: Wednesday 10th November, 2021 at 4.00p.m.

Venue: Meeting via MS Teams remote access

Chair: Cllr Michael Doyle

Present via MS Teams: Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

Apologies: Mary Mulholland

In attendance via MS Teams: Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance; Ms Fiona Deegan, Meetings Administrator; Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms. Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

1) Budget 2021 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

Cllr Doyle welcomed all to the meeting and invited Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, to commence his presentation.

Mr. Prendiville said the Statutory Council budget meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th November, with each Municipal District being obliged to adopt its' Municipal budgetary plan prior to this.

Total estimated budget expenditure for 2022 is €92.8m but there are significant funding challenges to address, including reduction in commercial rates income due to appeals to the Valuation Tribunal and the Covid-19 crisis still having a serious impact on Council finances, with collection of rates posing a big challenge.

A significant increase in inflation has led to increased costs relating to road maintenance and housing repairs, and energy costs are expected to require an extra spend of €100k in 2022.

The proposed General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for each Municipal District remains at €50,000 for 2022, the Discretionary Road Budget is €770,000 for 2022, with a detailed programme of suitable works to be agreed at start of 2022 for inclusion in the 2022 Road Works Scheme.

Cllr Doyle thanked Mr. Prendiville for his presentation.

Cllr Cleere proposed, Cllr Doran seconded and all agreed adoption of the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for the Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 16.10.

Signed: Cllr. Michael Doyle

Date: 14/12/21

