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

Date: Monday 23rd October, 2023 at 12.30p.m. **Venue:** Meeting via MS Teams remote access

Chair:	Cllr Deirdre Cullen
Present via MS Teams:	Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.
In attendance via MS Teams:	Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance; Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms F Deegan, A/Director of Services; Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Meetings Administrator; Ms. Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

1) Budget 2024 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

Cllr Cullen 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 24th November, with each Municipal District being obliged to adopt its' Municipal budgetary plan prior to this.

Significant funding challenges will need to be addressed, the impact of inflation on day to day spending and on the Capital Programme will also need to be taken into account. Mr. Prendiville listed all services to be funded, and said while there is no increase in commercial rates ARV assumed in the current draft of the budget, the elected members decision to amend the Local Property Tax base rate will result in extra income of €1.14m for 2024. It is proposed to retain the Municipal District Allocation at €50,000 for 2024, subject to funding being available in the Council budget.

The Discretionary Road Budget is €754,000 for 2024, with a detailed programme of suitable works to be agreed at start of 2024 for inclusion in the 2024 Road Works Scheme.

Cllr Cullen thanked Mr. Prendiville for his presentation.

Cllr M Doran proposed, Cllr Doyle 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.

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