

**MINUTES OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER 2025 AT
11.30AM IN COUNCIL CHAMBER**

In the chair: Cllr Michael McCarthy
Present: Cllrs John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick
and Maurice Shortall
In attendance: Mr Paraic Butler, Mr Martin Prendiville and Ms Nancy Byrne

Cllr Michael McCarthy welcomed all to the MD's budget meeting.

1. Budget 2026 - General Municipal Allocation for the Municipal District of Castlecomer

Mr Martin Prendiville advised this morning's meeting is the final MD budget meeting. He confirmed the statutory position remains the same for MDs since 2014 where the Chief Executive is required to set out a General Municipal allocation for each MD. Mr Prendiville confirmed the draft budgetary plan will issue to the full Council on Friday 24th of October and the Statutory Budget meeting for the full Council is fixed for Monday November 3rd.

Details of significant funding challenges to address were circulated to members.

Mr Prendiville confirmed:

- Total estimated budget expenditure for 2026 is €129m, an increase of €9m on the 2025 budget.
- The Council will be in a position to maintain and in some cases increase discretionary expenditure assuming the the income as per the draft budget would be achieved.

Contributions were received from the members as follows:

- Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh sought clarification whether the Council would receive additional funding as a result of the increase in LPT bands.
- Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick spoke regarding Cyber Security and queried whether the Council were adequately covered against attacks.
- Both Cllr Fitzpatrick and Brennan welcomed additional resources.

Mr Martin Prendiville responded to queries raised by the members.

It was

Proposed by: Cllr John Brennan

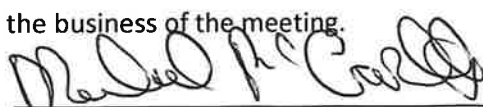
Seconded by: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed

That the Municipal District of Castlecomer hereby adopt the following Budget subject to funding being available in the Council budget :-

Discretionary Roads Budget	-	€751,000
Discretionary General Budget	-	€ 50,000

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:



Date:

