

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF DRAFT BUDGET PLAN 2020 MEETING HELD
ON 12th NOVEMBER, 2021 AT 1.30 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS.**

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Martin Brett, Presiding.

Present Via MS Teams:

Councillors: Joe Malone, Maria Dollard, David Fitzgerald, Martin Brett, Eugene McGuinness.

Apologies: Andrew McGuinness

Also Present: Via Teams:

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Ian Gardner Executive Engineer and Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 3rd November, 2021 convening a Draft Budget Plan Meeting for this date was read.

1. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:

(a) Adoption of Draft Budget Plan.

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, outlined the statutory process under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which prescribes the requirement to adopt a budget for the Municipal District. The draft budget of €94 million for 2022 is due to be considered by the Plenary Council on the 26th November but there is still uncertainty around the financial shortfall of 2021 and the future effects of the pandemic. There has been no indication from Central Government regarding financial support for 2022. Other factors which will affect the budget include reduce income from car parking and commercial rates and the possibility of a reduction on RAS recoupment. Inflation and matching funds on grant payments also need to be taken into consideration. Mr. Prendiville reminded Members the allocation for 2021 was €50,000 to each Municipal District and for 2022 the proposed allocation is also €50,000.

Discretionary Roads Budget €500,000 (Estimate)

This Discretionary Roads Budget is subject to works being identified that are consistent with Appendix 1 of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports' Memorandum on Grants for Regional and Local Roads – Revised 2nd April 2012. A detailed

programme of work will be agreed with the City Engineer at the start of 2022, for inclusion in the 2022 Roads Works Scheme.

Discretionary General Budget €50,000

Members were reminded that it had been agreed in 2019 that €50,000 of the Discretionary General Budget would be allocated annually towards the provision of CCTV in the City for a 4 year period.

Members asked about the likely effects of inflation on the budget, capital projects and income generated in the City including LPT and commercial rates. Mr. Prendiville and Mr. Butler responded to the Members. Mr. Butler reminded Members that the Council had previously sought legal advice on the role of the Municipals Districts in 2017 and again in 2019. He agreed to circulate this information to the Members and clarified that the full Council is the ultimate authority.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Marie Dollard

“That the Municipal District of Kilkenny City hereby adopt the following draft Budget”,

Discretionary Roads Budget	€ 500,000
Discretionary General Budget	€ 50,000

All present agreed.

The business of the meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____