

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

Date: Wednesday 6th November 2.45p.m.

Venue: Callan Area Office, Prologue, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

Chair: Cllr Peter Chap Cleere
Present Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Stephanie Doheny, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons.
In attendance: Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance; Fiona Deegan, Director of Services; Mr Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Meetings Administrator; Ms Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.
Remote attendance MS Teams: Cllr Joe Sheridan
Apologies: None.

1) Budget 2025 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown

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

Mr. Prendiville said the Statutory budget meeting for full Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 6th December, 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 considered.

Mr. Prendiville said while 80% compensation is provided by Government for the cost of the National Pay Agreement, there is no compensation provided for the additional costs arising from increases in energy and other costs.

Local Property Tax allocation plus contribution from Equalisation Fund for 2025 is €13.35m, receipts from commercial rates will be higher resulting from additions/revisions to the rate book. Housing rents will be higher due to allocation of new units and rolling rent reviews being undertaken for all social housing stock.

It is proposed to retain the Municipal District Allocation at €50,000 for 2025, subject to funding being available in the Council budget.

The Discretionary Road Budget is €742,000 for 2025, with a detailed programme of suitable works to be agreed at start of 2025 for inclusion in the 2025 Road Works Scheme.

Cllr Cleere thanked Mr. Prendiville for his presentation and the following items were raised:

- Possibility of identifying funding stream for repair of footpaths;
- Increased funding needed for provision of Low-Cost Safety Schemes;
- Additional funding for roads would always be welcomed.

Cllr Cullen 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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