

**Minutes of the Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal  
District**

**held on Monday, 23 October 2019 at 2:00pm  
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

**Members Present:** Councillor B Weld (Cathaoirleach), Councillors T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, P Hamilton, P McEvoy, P Ward and B Wyse.

**Officials Present:** Ms S Kavanagh (District Manager), Ms F Millane (Financial Accountant), Mr N Morrissey (Director of Services) Ms A Gough (Meetings Administrator), Ms J Hannigan (Meetings Secretary).

**Apologies:** Councillors D Fitzpatrick and N O’Cearúil.

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**2020 Draft Budgetary Plan**

Ms Millane informed the members that in accordance with Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 the draft General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Kildare County Council was €6,610,203 for 2020. She stated that the GMA for 2020 took account of the council’s decision made at the council meeting on 23 September 2019 to vary the Local Property Tax (LPT) rate by +7.5%. She stated that the impact of that decision was to ring-fence €4,889,290 of discretionary funding to the municipal districts and this money was included in the GMA.

Once the budget was adopted the members could then decide how the money would be allocated across the municipal district.

She advised that pay parking budgets were also brought to municipal district meetings and as members were aware retained pay parking surpluses, if any, were retained within the municipal district for use in the roads element of the municipal district budget and headings were to be agreed between the municipal district members and the Municipal District Engineer.

Councillor Weld asked if there was an increase or decrease in the budget . Ms Millane informed the meeting that there had been an increase for the Clane Maynooth municipal district budget

Ms Millane further informed the members that the overall budget had not yet been balanced but that income from rates had decreased as result of the revaluation.

In response to an enquiry around if the members did not approve the Budget, Ms Millane informed the members the legislative requirement was that following consideration of the draft budgetary plan, the municipal district members shall, by resolution, adopt the draft budgetary plan with or without amendment. The Chief Executive shall take account of any budgetary plan adopted, but if the members do not adopt a budgetary plan the Chief Executive may take account of the draft budgetary plan as presented. The purpose of the draft budgetary plan was to provide each municipal district with an opportunity to allocate its portion of the GMA according to its priorities.

Members enquired about the changes to the municipal district boundaries and the amount of grants paid to tidy towns and residents associations in former town council areas. They believed that there needed to be consistency in the amount of these grants across all municipal districts

Ms Millane reminded the members if they wanted LPT and pay parking surpluses carried forward to the following year they should submit a motion to the annual budget meeting of the council in November.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by all members present that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan for 2020 be adopted.

The meeting concluded.