

**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
of Clane-Maynooth Municipal District to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025  
held on Friday, 18 October 2023 at 02.00 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber**

**Members Present:** Councillors N O ‘Cearúil, (Cathaoirleach), A Farrelly, A Feeney, D Fitzpatrick, P McEvoy, P. Melrose, T. Durkan, P. Ward, and B Wyse.

**Apologies:** Councillor W.Durkan

**Officials Present:** Ms E Hanlon (Director of Finance), Mr B Leonard (Acting SEO Finance), Ms M Higgins (District Manager), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr A Foran (Meetings Secretary).

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**CM01/1024**

**Declaration of Pecuniary or Beneficial Interests**

There were no declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

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**2025 Draft Budgetary Plan**

Ms. Hanlon informed the members that Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 requires that a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and submitted for consideration by the Municipal District members for each Municipal District. This Draft Budgetary Plan contains the discretionary funding which is made available to Municipal District members.

The Act requires that the Chief Executive, in determining the resources to be made available to each Municipal District in the Draft Budgetary Plan shall have regard to:

- The needs and resources available or likely to be available to the Local Authority and
- Resource needs of each Municipal District

The Act provides that the Draft Budgetary Plan shall set out the General Municipal Allocation and shall be considered at a meeting within the prescribed period, but no later than 10 days prior to the Local Authority budget meeting.

The Act also provides that it is a reserved function of the members of a Municipal District to adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan either with or without amendment. If the Members of a Municipal District do not adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan the Chief Executive may take account of the Draft Budgetary Plan, as presented to the members of that Municipal District, without amendment.

The total provision allocation for the General Municipal Allocation for 2025 is €20,788,655, of which €5,085,749 is based on the retained LPT as voted for by Members in September.

The total provisional General Municipal Allocation for the Clane/Maynooth Municipal District is €4,465,035 (€3,796,455 in 2024)

On this basis, we have taken the opportunity to do some rebalancing of the Municipal District General Municipal Allocation which will be brought to MDs over the next couple of weeks.

- i. Playgrounds maintenance is €8,000 per playground and €4,000 per gym/skatepark per annum.
- ii. Tidy Towns Increase is €1563
- iii. Street cleaning increase is €13,250.
- iv. Increase in Parks and Landscaping of €42,500.
- v. Members in 2024 have directed the spend of LPT to key projects within their Municipal District on areas such as Christmas lights, festival grants, supplementing resident association grants, tidy towns, public lighting, various roads projects, various other local community sports grants and other key projects.

Councillor O' Cearúil enquired if the car parking surplus of €206,462 was ringfenced money for Harbour Field and is this to be discussed at a later date.

Ms E Hanlon advised that what is there is the estimated surplus on car parking for 2025 and will find out about the ringfencing in relation to Harbour Field and revert to the members on this matter.

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Councillor T. Durkan enquired if €254,000 was the cost of new parking machines for Clane Maynooth Municipal District.

Ms E Hanlon advised that €254,000 was the cost of operating parking for Clane Maynooth Municipal District and includes running the parking machines.

Councillor T. Durkan stated that pay parking monies were previously ringfenced for Maynooth and is this still the case.

Ms. E Hanlon advised that she needed to seek clarification in relation to the monies previously ringfenced for expenditure within Maynooth and would revert.

Councillor O' Cearúil stated that there was an additional €740,000 on roads maintenance, was this for particular projects or for increased costs in relation to road maintenance.

Ms E Hanlon advised that it is the full cost of road maintenance and administration staff to the road area and figures are from the roads section.

Councillor O 'Cearúil asked for clarification as to whether the allocation of staff expenses to the budget is being done across all of the municipal districts.

Ms E Hanlon advised that allocation for the Municipal District is only for staff in the relevant area.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor T. Durkan and agreed by all members present that the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan for 2025 be adopted.

The meeting concluded.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meetings Administrator