

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

**Date:** Wednesday 9th November, 2022 at 2.45p.m.

**Venue:** Meeting via MS Teams remote access

**Chair:** Cllr Matt Doran

**Present via MS Teams:** Cllr Peter Chap Cleere, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

**Apologies:** Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer.

**In attendance via MS Teams:** Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance; Mr. Declan Murphy, Area Engineer; Ms M Mulholland, Director of Services; Mr Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer; Ms. Carmel Brett, Staff Officer.

**1) Budget 2023 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Callan-Thomastown**

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

Mr. Prendiville said the Statutory Council budget meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, with each Municipal District being obliged to adopt its' Municipal budgetary plan prior to this.

Significant funding challenges will need to be addressed, with increased inflation following the Covid-19 crisis and increased energy costs of between €1.1m and €1.2m., 77% compensation being provided by Government for these additional costs.

Currently in discussions regarding shortfall in funding for social housing voids, and RAS recoument shortfall.

Mr. Prendiville listed the other services requiring increased funding, but said the elected members decision to maintain the Local Property Tax base rate was welcomed and it is proposed to retain the Municipal District Allocation at €50,000 for 2023, subject to funding being available in the Council budget.

The Discretionary Road Budget is €769,000 for 2023, with a detailed programme of suitable works to be agreed at start of 2023 for inclusion in the 2023 Road Works Scheme.

Cllr Doran thanked Mr. Prendiville for his presentation.

Cllr M Doyle proposed, Cllr P O'Neill 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.

Signed: 

Date: 14-12-2022