

MINUTES OF 2017 BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2016

- PRESENT:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill in the chair.
- NORTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, J. Sheehan.
- NORTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
- SOUTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
- SOUTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
- SOUTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive.
Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance.
Mr. J.G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs.
Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs.
Ms. R. Buckley, Director of Services, ICT.
Mr. M. Burke, Director of Services, HRM & OR.
Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. D. Joyce, A/Director of Services, Environment & Recreation.
Ms. E. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. K. Lynch, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning & Economic Development.
Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance Dept.
Mr. F. Keane, Financial Accountant, Finance Dept.
Mr. M. Steele, Administrative Officer, Finance Dept.
Mr. L. Casey, Senior Executive Parks Superintendant, Environment & Recreation.
Ms. M. Barrett, Administrative Officer, Environment & Recreation.
Mr. D. Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Ms. N. Fitzgerald, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Ms. S. Twomey, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Mr. T. Howard, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Mr. M. Lyons, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Dept.

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill recited the opening prayer and observed one minutes reflection. An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that the meeting would be deferred for 30 minutes, per agreement with the Party Whips, to allow Members to agree on the format of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.40pm and recommenced at 6.25pm.

Upon recommencement of the meeting, An tArdmhéara outlined the proposed format for the meeting. Members' speeches would be limited to 3 minutes in duration. He then thanked the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and officials in Cork City Council for the work put into preparing the Budget.

1. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive presented her report on the 2017 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. She outlined in particular the reasons why a 2.9% increase in commercial rates was being sought.

2. BUDGET 2017 ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill invited amendments to the Draft Budget, as presented by the Chief Executive, in order to provide an alternative to the proposed commercial rates increase of 2.9%.

2.1 Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, proposed the following amendments to Budget 2017,

*“Increase the cost of Residents Parking Permits from €10 per annum to €20 per annum (B0902), resulting in an additional €55,000 income in 2017;
Increase income in the North Main Street Car Park by €100,000 per annum (B0901), restoring income to 2016 levels;
Increase the cost of Parking in the Paul Street Car Park by 30cent per hour to €2.30 per hour (B0901), resulting in an additional €230,000 income in 2017;
Reduce expenditure on Pulses of Tradition (D0501) by €120,000 in 2017;
Reduce expenditure on the Glow Festival (D0501) by €70,000 in 2017;
Reduce expenditure on Vacant Dwellings/Security (A0101) by €100,000 in 2017;
Reduce expenditure on Training & Equipment (E1202) by €40,000 in 2017;
Reduce expenditure on Training & Equipment (E1101) by €25,000 in 2017;
Reduce expenditure on Economic Development (D0905) by €150,000 in 2017; and
Increase the Commercial Rate by 1.25% in 2017 resulting in additional income of €710,000.”*

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.
(14)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of the proposal exceeded the number of votes against the proposal, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposal adopted.

- 2.2 Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir C O’Leary, proposed the following amendments to Budget 2017,

*“Increase income on Derelict Sites by €400,000 in 2017 (E1004);
Increase the Road Opening Licence Fee for Utility companies, resulting in an additional €100,000 income in 2017 (B1101);
Increase the collection of Rent Arrears by €250,000 in 2017 (A0101), net of the cost of hiring additional staff);
Increase the collection of Rates Arrears by 2.5%, resulting in an additional €500,000 income in 2017 (RA101);
Transfer the €400,000 anticipated profit from the sale of 1 Lapps Quay from the Capital Account to the Revenue Account (D0905).”*

John Hallahan, Head of Finance, responded to this proposal, outlining that the Derelict Sites Levy and the Road Opening Licence Fee are set by National Legislation and Cork City Council did not have the authority to amend them. He also added that the collection of Rent Arrears is a cash process and did not add income to the Budget.

An tArdmhéara declared that the proposal was not in order and no vote was taken.

- 2.3 Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, proposed the following amendments to Budget 2017,

*“Cease payment of €200,000 towards MyPay in 2017 (J0503);
Reduce expenditure of Housing Maintenance by €1,400,000 in 2017 (A0101).”*

Valerie O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community, responded to this proposal, outlining that there was not €1,400,000 of cuts available within the Housing Budget. John Hallahan, Head of Finance, responded to this proposal, outlining that Cork City Council is obliged to operate MyPay in 2017.

An tArdmhéara declared that the proposal was not in order and no vote was taken.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting beyond 8pm to complete the Budget Meeting.

4. **SERVICE DIVISION A**

- 4.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division A, as amended, was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
(18)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin.
(12)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division A exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

5. **SERVICE DIVISION B**

5.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division B, as amended, was proposed by Comhairleoir M. Shields and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.
(14)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division B exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

6. **SERVICE DIVISION C**

6.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division C was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
(18)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin.
(12)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division C exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

7. **SERVICE DIVISION D**

7.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division D, as amended, was proposed by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn and seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
(17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin.
(13)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division D exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

8. **SERVICE DIVISION E**

8.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division E, as amended, was proposed by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.
(14)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division E exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

9. **SERVICE DIVISION F**

9.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division F was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer.

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division without the need for a vote. An tArdmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

10. **SERVICE DIVISION G**

10.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division G was proposed by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division without the need for a vote. An tArdmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

11. **SERVICE DIVISION H**

11.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division H was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields.

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division without the need for a vote. An tArdmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

12. **ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the following motion was proposed;

‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget as presented for the local financial year ending 31st December 2017 be and is hereby amended as hereunder:-

Table A:

<i>INC</i>	<i>Rates</i>	<i>-890,000</i>
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Table B:

<i>INC</i>	<i>B0902</i>	<i>+ 55,000</i>
<i>INC</i>	<i>B0901</i>	<i>+350,000</i>
<i>EXP</i>	<i>A0101</i>	<i>-100,000</i>
<i>EXP</i>	<i>D0501</i>	<i>-190,000</i>

EXP	D0906	-150,000
EXP	E1101	-25,000
EXP	E1202	-40,000.'

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.
(15)

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

13. **ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, the following motion was proposed;

‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget as presented for the local financial year ending 31st December 2017, as amended and set forth in Tables A to F thereof be and is hereby adopted.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.
(15)

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

14. **DETERMINATION OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the following motion was proposed;

‘That in accordance with the Budget as so adopted and as set forth in Tables A to F thereof, the general annual rate on valuation set forth in Table A thereof is hereby determined to be €74.98.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.
(15)

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

15. **APPROVAL OF OVER-EXPENDITURES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the following motion was proposed;

‘In accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 that the Council hereby approves the over-expenditure for 2016 as outlined.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this motion without taking a vote.

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

16. **CONCLUSION**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ARDMHÉARA
CATHAOIRLEACH