

MINUTES OF 2018 BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2017

- PRESENT:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald in the chair.
- NORTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, J. Sheehan.
- NORTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
- SOUTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, 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.
- 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.
Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. D. Joyce, A/Director of Services, Environment & Recreation.
Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance Dept.
Mr. F. Keane, Financial Accountant, Finance Dept.
Mr. M. Steele, Administrative Officer, Finance Dept.
Ms. M. Barrett, Administrative Officer, Environment & Recreation.
Ms. C. O’Sullivan, Communications Officer, Cork City Council.
Mr. A. Russell, Staff Officer, SPED.
Ms. N. Fitzgerald, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Ms. S. Twomey, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Ms. C. Johnston, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
Mr. M. Lyons, Clerical Officer, Finance Dept.

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that the meeting would be adjourned for 20 minutes, to allow the Party Whips and Party Leaders to continue their 2018 Budget Meeting related discussions.

Upon recommencement of the meeting, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald recited the opening prayer and observed one minutes reflection. An tArdmhéara outlined the proposed format for the meeting which included that Elected 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 Draft 2018 Budget.

1. **REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive presented her Report on the 2018 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. A number of Members spoke on the issues and challenges associated with the Draft Budget 2018.

2. **SERVICE DIVISION A**

- 2.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division A was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe.

Comhairleoir T. Shannon asked that Members be involved in all decisions relating to the allocation of the €1 million loan for Housing. The Chief Executive agreed to this request.

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

3. **SERVICE DIVISION B**

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

Comhairleoir S. Martin asked that Members be involved in all decisions relating to the allocation of the once-off €500,000 transfer from Housing, the additional €200,000 generated from not increasing the Local Property Tax Local Adjustment Factor, and the additional €400,000 from the Roads Restoration Grant. The Chief Executive agreed to this request.

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

4. **SERVICE DIVISION C**

- 4.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division C was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan.

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

5. **SERVICE DIVISION D**

- 5.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division D was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.

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

6. **SERVICE DIVISION E**

- 6.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division E was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen.

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

7. **SERVICE DIVISION F**

- 7.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division F was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

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

8. **SERVICE DIVISION G**

- 8.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division G was proposed by Comhairleoir M. Shields and seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary.

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

9. **SERVICE DIVISION H**

- 9.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division H was proposed by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary 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.

10. **ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

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

‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget as presented for the local financial year ending 31st December 2018, as set forth in Tables A to F thereof be and is hereby adopted.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
(25)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, F. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan.
(3)

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 P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, 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.’

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

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

15. **APPROVAL OF OVER-EXPENDITURES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 2017 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