



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Budget Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 13th November, 2017.

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PRESENT

Councillor D. Hurley County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, Forde, Ó'Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, M Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, J. O'Donovan, Creed, O'Grady, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, O' Cádhlá, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, Linehan Foley, N. McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, Gearóid Murphy, Gerard Murphy, B Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hayes

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer, Head of Finance.

Votes of Sympathy

TO: Catherine Swayne, East Cork Municipal District on the death of her father Justin.

TO: Tom Stritch, Director of Services, Roads on the death of his mother Bridget.

TO: Maura McCarthy, Housing Department on the death of her mother Peggy.

1. To consider the draft Budget prepared by the Chief Executive showing the amounts, which in his opinion, will be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council during the local financial year ending 31st December, 2018.

In response to a point of information query by members regarding the rejection of two Municipal District budgets the Head of finance confirmed that under legislation the Municipal District considers the draft budget and it is at the discretion of the Chief Executive to include it as drafted or by amendment.

On a further point of information The Mayor confirmed that members could table as many amendments as they wished.

The Chief Executive then introduced the 2018 Budget; he informed members that a number of briefings had been given to CPG by him and the Head of Finance. This is the 4th budget since this Council's inception and follows the agreed 5 year strategic approach.

However the recourse to €2.9m in general reserves is not ideal and will require careful monitoring but was necessary in order to bring a balanced budget forward.

Cork County Council has the highest level of capital debt of any Local authority in Ireland; however Cork County Council also a high level of collection of rates and this is crucial to the survival of the Local Authority and the continued provision of services.

There needs to be recognition of the high level of innovative service delivery and performance by Cork County Council whatever the outcome of the Review of Local Government Arrangements in Cork. There will be a challenging year ahead but any alterations must be cost neutral for citizens and rate payers and must provide a sound sustainable financial model.

The Chief Executive recommended the adoption of the budget as provided.

Members noted the report of the Chief Executive, as follows:-

The Draft Budget 2018 has been prepared in the context of safeguarding our finances, while providing for the sustainability of existing services and for progress to meet some of the growing needs of the County. Significant changes, introduced in 2016 in terms of organisational structure and focus of the Council, were embedded during 2017 with the development of the new Municipal Districts & Rural Development directorate. Increased resources were invested in the MDs as well other areas such as Housing. The Budget for 2018 is set in this context of significant change in terms of organisational structure and focus having been implemented. The Draft Budget aims to underpin the key services of the Council including the key role of Municipal Districts as a key governance structure of Council.

The overall budget strategy for 2018 has been an iterative process based on specific building blocks to arrive at the presentation of the statutory Budget for adoption by Members. The key stages included a briefing to full Council on the emerging budgetary strategy at Development Committee on the 15th September, 2017, the decision of Council to adopt no variation to the

Local Property Tax basic rate for 2018 at its meeting on the 25th September, and the requirement for each Municipal District to consider the Municipal District Budgetary Plan, including the General Municipal Allocations, for 2018 at their Budgetary meetings in October/November.

The Council's Corporate Policy Group played a central role in preparing this Budget and has been consulted at a series of meetings since July 2017. The final Budget for 2018 is reflected in the statutory tables as detailed herein and presented to members for adoption at the Annual Statutory Budget Meeting of 13th November, 2017.

As agreed with Council as part of the 2015 Budget adoption process the current council has a 5 year strategic approach to budget process:

- Move towards adopting a budget without recourse from the general revenue reserve
- Enhancement of capacity of organisation
- Delivery of effective Municipal District Budgetary Plans & General Municipal Allocations
- Maximise the benefit of LPT Variation of the basic rate.

However the Budget must be able to respond to the additional needs being presented in service delivery. In addition there are particular costs the Council must provide for in 2018, including full year costs of the Lansdowne Road Agreements, the recently accepted Public Services Stability Agreement, and pension increases.

Draft Budget 2018 makes provision for some additional service levels and increased areas of emphasis with the following matters being formative in framing Budget 2018 for consideration:

- Recognition that there are limited areas for revenue generation and the importance of the commercial rates.
- Recognition that local decision making on the variation of the rate of Local Property Tax is now a significant decision of Council which has direct local impact.
- Reliance on the allocation of exchequer funding in preparing the budget
- The current financial position of the Council and our ability to meet the service delivery needs which requires increased recourse to the general revenue reserve in 2018; this will require careful monitoring to minimise the demand on revenue reserves, and to realise the strategy to move towards adopting a Budget which does not require resourcing from our general revenue reserves.
- The need to underpin the position the Municipal Districts of the Council as key drivers of local community and economic development of their towns, villages and rural areas.
- The need to continue to give certainty to the business community and to ensure that the harmonisation of the different rateable valuations across the former nine Town Councils with the County rate is done on a reasonable basis.
- The need to support businesses, continuing to provide assistance to support and generate job creation, which is critical in particular to the vitality of our towns, villages and rural communities.

- The need to meet the costs of national pay restoration agreements
- The maintenance and enhancement of the existing capacity of the organisation through ongoing review of service delivery processes and methods and in order to ensure that we can respond to increasing work activity in some areas of the Council.

Through consultation with the Corporate Policy Group and consideration of the views of Council as expressed through the different stages of the budgetary process, the Budget as presented deals with the aforementioned matters in a reasoned and balanced manner and is recommended to Members for adoption.

LPT Variation and Impact

The Council's decision not to vary the base rate of Local Property Tax for 2018 is welcomed. It is important to note it has assisted in the maintenance of service delivery levels. Critically the decision enabled the preparation of a Budget which retains the benefits that have accrued to the Council following the LPT decisions since 2015. These initiatives include:

- Enhanced Public Space/Town Approaches/Roadside Maintenance Programme: - A total sum of €1.1m is provided to support the continued delivery of enhanced programmes of maintenance in each Municipal District for areas such as maintenance and enhancement of approach roads to towns, verge cutting on strategically located areas of our road network and general presentation and maintenance of public spaces.
- Enhancement to Public Realm and Infrastructure in Villages: -
- €500,000 (€62,500 per Municipal District) introduced in 2017 is retained for 2018 to fund enhancements to the public realm and community infrastructural fabric of villages or other initiatives in villages that the members of a Municipal District consider appropriate. The fund complements the Town Development Fund and aims to provide comparable benefits for villages.
- Disability works to Council Housing: - €250,000 providing the opportunity to develop a multi-annual programme of works for the provision of extensions and renovations to Councils own housing stock.
- Municipal Districts Community Arts Programme: - €150,000 provided towards the development of a Community Arts Programme in each of our Municipal Districts.
- Support to Council's Local Community Development Committees: - The provision of €500,000 towards supporting the Councils three LCDC's in undertaking their role on community and rural development as Local Action Groups in partnership with Local Development Agencies is continued.
- General Municipal Allocations – The provision of €1.818m to support the Municipal Districts discretionary expenditure through the Community Grants Scheme is continued in full.
- Town Development Fund – The provision of €1.0m towards discretionary programme expenditure at Municipal District level is continued for 2018. This provides for programmes of work in supporting local town development.

The above specific budget provisions are areas that have a positive impact and clearly respond to the principle of the LPT being of relevance locally. These are strongly

recommended for adoption by Council as they are directly relevant to local communities, and are areas that have shown to deliver tangible benefits.

The 2018 Draft Budget has been prepared on a deficit basis with increased reliance on the revenue reserve balance. It is acknowledged this is not in line with our budget strategy however the Council must ensure it provides sufficient resources to meet, and where required improve, service delivery. We must be in a position to enhance the capacity of the organisation to meet the needs of the County, without putting our financial position at risk. In doing so, the Council can address some of the additional service delivery requirements in 2018, and also retain the provisions made following the decisions taken as part of the adoption of previous Budgets including:

- Commemoration Programme “A Decade of Centenaries”: - a sum of €40,000 (incr. 30%) is provided to support activity in this area in remembering significant historic events leading to the establishment of the state.
- Planned Housing Maintenance: - Continuation of the specific provision of €500,000 towards a programme of planned maintenance works to our housing stock. Planned maintenance is primarily effected at present through the Energy Efficiency and upgrading programme, including insulation, heating options, windows and doors etc. This annual provision will, subject to provision being made in future Budgets, ensure that over the remaining life of this Council a planned maintenance programme of €2.0m can be progressed to 2019. Members will be kept briefed on this process through the Housing SPC during 2018. For 2018 an additional €400,000 is provided to fund other refurbishment/maintenance schemes e.g. the Better Energy Communities.
- In addition a new provision of €217,000 is provided in 2018 for a stock survey the results of which will inform the planned maintenance programme into the future
- Housing Maintenance – A continuation of the additional €1,020,000 allocated to the housing maintenance budgets 2015 & 2017, with an extra €104,000 for boiler maintenance and housing repairs in the 2018 budget. Together with the planned maintenance this gives an additional €2.24m per annum investment in housing maintenance.
- Budget 2018 provides an increased budget for estate management taking on board the views of CPG and Members. The application of this increase in order to best utilise resources will be considered by Housing Directorate for 2018.
- Pay Parking Dividend – provision is made for the provision of a total dividend of €270,000. The reduction in income from Pay Parking has required a reduction in the dividend for 2018. A review of its allocation and the different quantum’s of income and profit being derived across towns requires further consideration with CPG and the relevant Directorates and SPCs.
- Provision of €120,000 for tackling dereliction in the Municipal Districts is provided
- Civic amenity sites – The additional provision of €525,000 from 2016 & 2017 is continued and increased by €225,000 to meet the increasing activity levels and delivery needs of this local service.
- 2018 budget retains the provision of €150,000 for playground development/minor upgrades
- Economic Development Fund – A fund €1.3m is provided for in budget 2018

providing an increase of €200,000.

- 5 Year Rates Relief Scheme – provision continues to be made for the Rates Relief Scheme, applicable to all businesses but specifically targeted at small and medium businesses, providing 2% relief to 65% of businesses in the county for 2018. Members should note that those ratepayers benefitting will see the value of the 3% reduction for 2017 being credited to their 2018 Commercial Rates Bill when issued in early 2018.
- Rate Harmonisation and rates certainty to business to 2020 - the harmonisation of rates across former Town Councils and the county is being phased in over a five year period commencing in 2016 thus ensuring that the impact will be spread over a reasonable period of time. This also fixes the county rate at its current level of 74.75 to 2020.

Current Financial Update

The Revenue Budget has increased from €307m to €326m in 2018. This increase is impacted by the following increases in the Budget:

- The reclassification to revenue from capital of:
- Housing Voids and Derelict Voids
- SICAP operations
- Reflection of the increased road grants received in 2017,
- Accounting for the recently announced Town & Village Renewal Scheme which will be implemented in 2018
- Allowing for additional costs as a result of national pay agreements
- Provision for overdue investment in the IT infrastructure of the County providing for network upgrades, Cyber security and business solutions.

The budget has been finalised on the basis that grant allocations received for 2017 will continue into 2018, unless otherwise notified and where grants have been reduced, this has been reflected. Other increases in expenditure are offset with an increase in rates income and an allocation in respect of the additional costs that will arise in respect of the unwinding of FEMPI, (Lansdowne Road Pay Agreement and Public Service Stability Agreement), together with reduction of expenditure and maximisation of other income streams across the Divisions.

The budget includes increased income from Housing Rent following a rent assessment, having regard to updated income details, and the adoption of a revised rent scheme, to include the incorporation of former Town Council tenancies. This income is being used to provide for increases in maintenance, estate management, and the Council's contribution for homeless activity and housing adaptation grants. Critically €217,000 is being invested in a survey of our housing stock, the outcome of the saving will inform a strategic planned maintenance programme on which we would revert to members.

The Council will need to address the challenges facing it due to the significant changes in Local Authority funding as previously outlined. We need to be able to minimise our recourse

to the general revenue reserve, as a result strict budgetary and debtor control will be required and will be the keystone for Budget 2018 to safeguard our finances.

Local Property Tax Allocation 2018

The Local Property Tax Allocation 2018 is based on the latest Revenue Commissioners projections of LPT income from declared properties in 2017. For 2018 the Government confirmed its intention that 80% of all Local Property Tax receipts within the local authority area where the Tax is raised will be retained locally. The remaining 20% of the Tax will be paid into an equalisation fund to be re-distributed to local authorities, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their LPT baseline, and so to ensure that no local authority is worse off from local retention of LPT in 2018 compared to General Purpose Grant Allocations and Pension Related Deduction Income in 2014.

The Council will be in receipt of LPT income in excess of the LPT Baseline for 2018 of €8,402,758. The baseline is an amount equivalent to the 2014 Local Government Fund/GPG allocation of €2,951,435 plus €5,451,323, being the 2014 income from Pension Related Deduction (PRD).

As a result of the Council's decision not to vary the LPT rate Cork County Council's retains an allocation of €32,674,005. This has been represented in the current budget as follows:

Housing Capital Expenditure	€13,150,000(not included in Revenue Budget)
Revenue Budget (Table A)	€16,571,259
Self Fund Housing & Roads (Revenue)	€ 2,952,745
Total (Appendix 2)	€32,674,005

The Revenue portion of the €19.5m will be allocated over the following revenue streams:

Replacement of Local Government Fund & PRD 2014	€8,402,758
LPT Discretionary	€8,168,501
Self Funding – Housing	€2,500,824
Self Fund – Roads	€ 451,921

Dependant on the allocations by Government for Housing and Roads, the allocations will be reduced by the funding elements detailed above.

Rates Harmonisation

As a result of the dissolution of Town Councils, the 5 year rates harmonisation period agreed by Council which commenced in 2016 across the 9 former Town Council areas will continue in 2017. As part of the 2015 Budget process Council agreed to adopt an ARV of 74.75 to which it wishes to harmonise at the end of the agreed harmonisation period. This multiplier will not change for the harmonisation period and this will ensure that all current county ratepayers will be charged commercial rates up to 2020 on the current ARV of 74.75. In the case of the former Town Council ratepayers, they will transition to the overall county ARV of 74.75 on a graduated basis over this period, thus not being charged at the full county multiplier of 74.75 until 2020. This certainty on commercial rates in terms of costs to businesses is not likely to be matched by any other service or utility provider in the country

for such an extended period of time. This does of course present a position whereby future increases in income from commercial rates is solely based on positive buoyancy being achieved from economic growth and continued progress being made in increasing collection levels

Efficiency and VFM

Since the publication of the Local Government Efficiency Review Report in 2010, Local Government has undergone significant change, significant employment reduction and has seen a move towards the achievement of increased costs saving and efficiency.

There is a need to ensure that we as a Council are utilising staff resources, process, property and technology in a manner which derives maximum efficiency in service delivery and outcomes for our customers. In line with this the Customer Service Transformation initiative has delivered significant benefits in 2017. “Your Council.ie” was launched and represents the creation of Ireland’s first local government cross functional online service portal. It enables customers and citizens to transact services online with Cork County Council on a 24/7/365 basis. The portal is integrated with the Council’s new website www.corkcoco.ie which also went live in 2017.

Cork County Council has collaborated with Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) to establish Ireland’s first public sector service design centre, based in County Hall, Cork. The centre (which is called “Service rePublic”) was officially launched in May 2017. Its focus is to create better services for citizens and users through engaging with people and identifying what matters. A number of projects have already been delivered which have helped to transform the manner in which services are managed by the Council.

The Council re-established its Procurement Unit in March 2017 which supports service delivery areas to achieve further efficiency through cost savings associated with procurement. This unit will work locally and nationally to provide value for money, effective service delivery and where possible support local businesses.

These initiatives will be further developed and expanded throughout 2018.

Municipal Districts, General Municipal Allocations and Town Development

The Councils eight Municipal Districts play an important role in the delivery of Council services and in the leadership of their municipal regions, particularly in town development following the dissolution of the 12 Town Councils. Establishment of the role of the Municipal Districts has been ongoing and it is a key priority of the Council to develop this. The new Directorate, established in September 2016, has provided the opportunity for the countywide management of all of the services delivered at Municipal District level and aims to ensure a common approach to service delivery across all MDs. More Council business needs to be dealt with at MD level and there is a need for stronger integration and overall management of engineering and administrative operations. The Directorate will continue to embed in 2018 and will provide for the development and stronger co-ordination within and across all 8 MD’s.

The MDs' role will be further developed through the future consideration by each Municipal District of a Schedule of Municipal District Works based on the Municipal Budget Plans as circulated to each district in October. This and the Local Area Plan process will be a significant factor in embedding our Municipal Districts within all communities in their areas.

Municipal Districts were notified of their proposed General Municipal Allocations in October 2017 following the decision of Council on the Local Property Tax. In preparing the final Budget for consideration of Members, I am required to take into account the deliberations of the Municipal Districts on the GMA's and the further development of the Council's financial position. The overall GMA level of €1,817,918 from 2017 is maintained in this Budget 2018. This is distributed to each Municipal District on an equitable basis taking into account population, number of main towns, key villages and villages within a Municipal District and, the number of Members of Council in each District. This provides for the following revised GMA's to Municipal Districts:

Kanturk\Mallow	€235,000
Fermoy	€211,000
Cobh	€208,000
Ballincollig/Carrigaline	€254,000
Bandon\Kinsale	€185,700
Blarney\Macroom	€188,000
West Cork	€305,000
East Cork	€231,218

Facilitating the future development of our towns is an important role of the Municipal Districts and a continuation of both the Town Development Fund (€1m) and Village Enhancement Fund of €0.5m is provided for. These funds are recognised by Members as being of significant value to their Districts.

It is important to note that the views of the Members of the Municipal Districts largely determine the allocation of the Town Development resource to projects. It is also important that the core principle of supporting town development, in particular the vitality of the retail core of our towns, is the primary criteria for the spending on this fund.

The fund should therefore continue to provide for a range of discretionary matters such as the following to be supported through agreement between Members and staff at Municipal District level:

- Support to Business Associations for town development initiatives such as retail footfall promotions, promotional events generally etc.
- Support to development of local co-ordinating development partnerships in towns to ensure a unified and co-ordinated approach to working with the Council through the Municipal District
- Specific town enhancement initiatives on top of normal service delivery programmes as may be determined by the Municipal District such as areas of town presentation, signage, footpath renewals, public lighting etc.
- Possible schemes to assist and encourage the removal of dereliction, colour enhancement, town approaches, general town presentation.

- Potential significant additional supports to tidy towns groups through agreed work programmes etc.
- Town Economic Development Fund to develop and support local measures which may not be capable of provision through the overall county Economic Development Fund which is more strategically aimed.

Continuation of this fund for the remaining life of the Council enables Municipal Districts to take a strategic approach to 2019 on its utilisation.

Following from the success of the Town Development Fund, and as a result of the 2017 & 2018 LPT decisions, Budget 2018 retains the new allocation of €500,000 (€62,500 per Municipal District) to fund enhancements to the public realm and community infrastructural fabric of villages or other initiatives in villages that the members of a Municipal District consider appropriate.

Economic Development

The provision of the specific Economic Development Fund (EDF) continues to receive support from business sectors and advocates. Budget 2018 provides for a significant increase of €200,000 bringing the EDF to a level of €1.3m representing 1% of rates income. As agreed with SPC its utilisation will have a heavy emphasis on significantly enhancing the Councils activity level in the promotion of the region as an economic and tourism development area.

The detail of the renewed focus on Economic Development is set out further in this report under the section on Division D. The extent of the Councils economic development initiatives is not limited to the Economic Development Fund and the quarterly reports to Council demonstrate that the Cork County Council is a significant provider and supporter of economic development infrastructure, advice and a range of different supports covering areas such as, but not limited to, the food and drinks sector, entrepreneurship and business start-ups, tourism, ICT, energy, rural and agri-business and retail development.

It must be further noted that investment in the economic development of the county is not solely confined to direct investment and supports for enterprises. The Council invests across its services to make the region an attractive proposition for economic growth. These include maintenance and development of the transportation network, and providing recreation and amenity facilities and opportunities. Social cohesion is a key driver of growth, thereby developing communities both rural and in towns, investing in the cultural heritage of the area provide improved quality of life for potential workers and new citizens.

The preparation of the 2018 Budget was principally carried out by Head of Finance Loraine Lynch, Roisin O'Sullivan, Katherine Woods, and other Members of the Finance team. I would like to compliment them on their work and thank all Members of Management Team and their staff for their input.

The Chief Executive then thanked the County Mayor Cllr. Declan Hurley and his predecessor Cllr. Seamus McGrath along with the Corporate Policy Group for their assistance and support in the past year and in particular in the consultative process of the Budget.

Ms. Loraine Lynch, Head of Finance made a presentation to Members as follows:-

PROPOSED BUDGET 2017 – TABLE A

	2016	2017
EXPENDITURE	295.3M	306.8M
INCOME	153.7M	160.4M
DIVISIONS		
RATES	126.3M	128.1M
PRD*	5.5M	-
LPT	8.9M	16.5M
<i>*PRD included in LPT figure 2017</i>	1M Deficit	1.8M Deficit

Table A – Key Issues

- **LPT** Discretionary LPT Income of €16.5m following Members decision not to vary basic rate for 2017
€2m Additional Discretionary LPT retained over 2016 due no variation
Self funding LPT revenue element for Housing & Roads shown in Division A & B
LPT allocation detailed in Appendix 2.
- **Rates** Rates valuation ARV 74.75 adjusted for Base Year
Adjustment
Year 2
Anticipated Rates Yield in 2017 of €128.1m
Net Gain on base year adjustment of €430k.
Irish Water Asset valuations exempt from Rates compensation of €1.5m shown in Division H Grants.
Compensation for Global Valuation reduction no longer applies in 2017

VARIATIONS AT SUB SERVICE

- Additional costs arising from pay agreements
- Return from career breaks
- Transition of Non Domestic Water Billing Staff
 - Movement of staff from Water Services to Division J pending reallocation of staff in early 2017
- Filling of vacancies and critical positions

- SHIP salaries, recoupable from DHPCLG
- Pension increase requirement

Service Support Costs

Service Support Costs (SSC) are the apportioned direct salary costs and all indirect overhead costs allocated over the eight Service Divisions

The following indirect costs are included in Service Support costs –(E.g. A0199)

Indirect cost	Apportionment basis
Corporate Affairs	-Salaried Staff Numbers per Service
Corporate Buildings	-Meters Squared per Division – Staff per Service
Finance Function	-Financial Transactions per Service
Human Resources	-FTE (Full Time Equivalents) Staff per Service
IT Service	-No of Network PC's and Usage Basis
Print and Post Room	-Recorded out Postage Costs and Photocopying
Pension and Lump Sum	-Salary and Wages Cost per Service

SERVICE SUPPORT COST

- Cost drivers for the allocation of the indirect costs, Central Management Charges (CMC) are reviewed
- Changes in activities, and staff movement affect the cost drivers and CMC allocation to services
- Changes to cost drivers leads to movement in the apportionment of central management charges (e.g. Finance, HR, Pensions) across all services
- Significant impact on CMC allocation level in 2017
 - Exclusion of retained fire fighters from cost drivers results in a significant reduction in Service E11
 - Increase in expenditure in central management charge services
- Changes will materialise as variances between 2016 and 2017 at sub service level.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

- Organisational Restructure
- Directorate dedicated to Municipal District coordination and oversight
- Dedicated Municipal Managers
- Focus on delivery of consistent service levels across the MD
- Additional Discretionary income provided to MD due to LPT decision
 - €500,000 for Village presentation and enhancement (62,500 per MD)
 - €500,000 additional provision for Town Approaches / Roadside Maintenance Prog delivering a total fund of €1.1m
- Focus on rural development
- Budget provided for additional resource to help deliver service programmes

RATE ANALYSIS

Annual Rate	Number	%	Value
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Under €3,000	9,042	65.6	9.3
€3,000 - €10,000	3,150	22.8	13.2
€10,000 - €100k	1,465	10.6	29.6
€100k - €400k	96	0.7	13.8
Over €400k	33	0.2	34.1
	13,786	100	100

Approx 2/3 of Ratepayers pay less than €3k per annum. 33 Ratepayers pay over 1/3 of the rates

Nett ARVs in each area - Cork County 2015 - 2020

Local Authority Name	% Variance to County	Base Year ARV 2014	ARV 2015	ARV 2016	ARV 2017	ARV 2018	ARV 2019	ARV 2020
Cork		74.75	74.75	74.75	74.75	74.75	74.75	74.75
Clonakilty	11.63%	66.96	66.96	68.52	70.08	71.63	73.19	74.75
Cobh	4.50%	71.53	71.53	72.17	72.82	73.46	74.11	74.75
Fermoy	22.54%	61	61	63.75	66.5	69.25	72	74.75
Kinsale	14.81%	65.11	65.11	67.04	68.97	70.89	72.82	74.75
Macroom	14.35%	65.37	65.37	67.25	69.12	71	72.87	74.75
Mallow	29.15%	57.88	57.88	61.25	64.63	68	71.38	74.75
Midleton	27.69%	58.54	58.54	61.78	65.02	68.27	71.51	74.75
Skibbereen	7.03%	69.84	69.84	70.82	71.8	72.79	73.77	74.75
Youghal	14.45%	65.31	65.31	67.2	69.09	70.97	72.86	74.75

SOURCES OF INCOME

Own Resources	2017	%
Commercial Rates	€128.1m	42%
Goods/Services (Table D)	€87.0m	29%
LPT/PRD	€16.5m	5%
Total	€231.6m	76%
Government Grants		
Local Government Fund	€0.0m	0%
Other Grants (Table E)	€73.4m	24%
Total	€73.4m	24%

Appendix 2 SUMMARY OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION FOR YEAR 2017

Description	2017 €	2017 €
Discretionary Local Property Tax (Table A)		<u>16,526,083</u>
Self Funding - Revenue Budget		16,526,083

Housing & Building	2,500,000	
Road Transport & Safety	<u>340,082</u>	
		2,840,082
Total Local Property Tax - Revenue Budget		
Self Funding - Capital Budget		
Housing & Building	13,127,130	
Total Local Property Tax - Capital Budget		<u>13,127,130</u>
Total Local Property Tax Allocation (Post Variation)		32,493,299

NEW INITIATIVES 2017

Members decision not to vary the Basic Rate of LPT allowed for the retention of:

➤ Entrance to & Presentation of Towns	€1.1m
➤ Provision of Village Enhancement fund	€0.5m
➤ Arts Programme enhancement (MD)	€0.15m
➤ Social Housing Disability works	€0.25m
➤ Housing Planned maintenance (2016-2019 Prg.)	€0.5m
➤ Provision 2016 to support 3 LCDCS	€0.5m
➤ GMA allocation	€1.82m
➤ Town Development Fund	€1.0m
➤ Housing Maintenance –Boiler Programme	€0.35m
➤ Pay Parking Dividend	€0.27m
➤ Minimise the reliance on revenue reserves to balance the budget	€1.0m

Draft Budget 2018 – Table A

Division Description		Draft Expend 2018	Adopted Expend 2017	Expend Change 2018 v 2017
A	Housing & Building	52,082,434	49,478,155	2,604,279
B	Road Transport & Safety	77,306,710	72,994,731	4,311,979
C	Water Services	37,412,728	38,609,899	-1,197,171
D	Development Management	36,400,360	33,053,812	3,346,548
E	Environmental Services	42,801,049	39,283,231	3,517,818
F	Recreation & Amenity	26,775,521	23,685,142	3,090,379
G	Agri; Educ; Health & Welfare	5,514,581	5,133,485	381,096
H	Miscellaneous Services	47,767,607	44,554,101	3,213,506
		326,060,990	306,792,556	19,268,434

Division A Housing and Building

- Additional budget provided for:

Boiler and Housing Maintenance	€171,000	
Mobility Aids Grant	€220,000	
Estate Management/Maintenance	€62,000	
Homeless Services	€500,000	
MTR (contra) & S/O restructuring	€365,000	
Housing PPP (Contra)	€120,000	
- Stock Survey €217,000
- Planned Maintenance/BECs €400,000
- Income increase for a review of the rent scheme and income assessment €1.2m
- VOIDS reclassification to Revenue €1.9m
- Decrease in the RAS and Payment & Availability Scheme (A07) Contra Inc & Exp €1.4m
- Voluntary Housing loan charges decrease (A10) Contra Inc & Exp €0.42m
- Retention of 2015/2016 Initiatives (€1.6m):
 - DPG's Housing Stock €250,000
 - Boiler & Maintenance Programme €850,000
 - Planned Maintenance Programme €500,000

Division B – Roads

- **Roads Allocations** Based on current notified allocations 2017;
Department will notify of actual 2018 allocations
January 2018.
- **Public Lighting** €400k towards Capital Programme
- **Town Approaches/ Roadside Maintenance Programme** Total fund €1.1m
- **Dursey Island Cable Car increased provision**
- **School Wardens provision**
- **Parking Income & Dividend reduction**
- **Work Force Plan**
- **Transfer of Street Cleaning Costs to MDs (Div E)**
- **Footpaths programme** Provided for in Capital Programme €1m

Division C - Water Services

- Irish Water expenditure under SLA is fully recoupable (C01 C02 C03 C06)
- C03 NDW billing transferred to IW March 2017
- Reduction in C07 due to Permanent Secondedes IW €1.5m
- Flood Relief (OPW funded) - Fermoy and Mallow Flood Relief works contra income and expenditure €450k
- Provision for Public Conveniences retained €170k
- Private Water Grant Schemes €40k increase due to estimated allocation (Contra)

Division D – Development Management

- Provision for County Development Plan preparations and Variation €300k
- Increase in planning fees income €100k
- HIIT - Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team €230k

- SICAP transfer to Revenue Account €1.92m
- Rural Development (Leader) Programme anticipated spend increase €279k
- Economic Development Fund increased to €1.32m
- Provision for Tourism Operations & Development including Michael Collins House, Camden and Spike (increase)
- LEO's estimate decrease - mostly contra to income
- Retention of 'Community Development Initiative' fund to support community initiatives €500k
- Creative Ireland €100,000 (contra)
- 1916 Commemoration increased with €40k provided for future commemoration programme

Division E – Environmental Services

- Legacy Landfill remediation €750k 90% recoupable
- Recycling facilities operating costs increase €480k based on activity
- Increases in Civic Amenity and Bring Sites income €349k
- Street Cleaning transferred from Roads
- Waste enforcement and the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) contra €300k
- Civil Defence increase €92k
- Provision for Dereliction increased to €120k
- Water safety €82k
- Fire Services Operations & training and payroll €300k increase
- Climate Change €117k provided (contra) – Regional Lead Authority
- Increase in Fire Services income €96k

Division F – Recreation & Amenity

- Increase in swimming pool operation costs €286k
- Increase in library costs for book fund, library staff and operations €456k
- Maintenance Open Spaces & Parks increase €350k
- Town & Village Renewal €1.55m
(contra funded by grant)
- Playground maintenance increased by €90k
- Increased investment in Arts activities
- Parking Dividend reduction to €270k
- New provision for Beaches for minor upgrades €120k
- Retention of :
 - General Municipal Allocation €1.8m
 - Town Development Fund €1m
 - Village presentation and enhancement €0.5m
 - Provision for playgrounds/parks for minor upgrades €150k

Division G - Agri, Educ, Health & Welfare

- Increased provision for maintenance Piers & Harbours
- New Provision for Dredging Programme €150k

- Increase in costs of Dog Warden Service €81k
- Reduction in inspection of Abattoirs
- Reduction in estimate HEGs grants (contra) €50k

Division H - Miscellaneous Services

- Change in Accounting treatment of Machinery Yard; incorporating full cost including CMC, contra to income
- Reduction in Bad Debt provision for Rates €0.5m
- Saving on Rates Relief Scheme
- Representational Payments provision for increase
- Reduction in Motor Tax costs €193k
- Inclusion of Dept compensation towards costs of pay agreements
- Irish Water Rates income €1.5m
- Insurance increase
- Legal Contingency Provision

Central Management Charge

- Extra pension requirement of €1.68m
- Increase for facilities maintenance and operations to include the new Business Growth Hub and Fire Services HQ €0.12m
- Increase required for insurances €0.3
- Provision for Customer Service Transformation Programme, Communications and Marketing
- Increase for Internal Audit
- Increase transportation costs Mayoral Office
- ICT services increases provided for additional investment in the ICT structure €0.72m
- Provision of budget Procurement Unit incl. contribution to LGOPC.

Municipal Districts

- Feedback from the MD meetings on the 2018 Draft Budgetary Plan
- Representatives of the MDs at CPG raised the concerns of the members with the Executive.
- A review of the allocation of funding to the MDs, including the criteria used, will be completed with a report back to CPG in early 2018.
- 2017 first full year of dedicated Municipal District Directorate
 - Provide for coordination and oversight
 - Focus on delivery of consistent service levels across the MD
 - Aim for equitable treatment across MDs
- In the interest of providing transparency on the allocation of funds the criteria for same is set out below

GMA is apportioned on the following weighting criteria - as agreed with CPG

- Population 50%
- No of Members 20%
- No of towns 15%
- Key Villages 10%
- Villages 5%

Town Development Fund

- €600,000 allocated evenly over each MD – €75,000 each
- €400,000 allocated based on the population of the key towns

Village Enhancement/Renewal Fund & Arts Program

- allocated evenly over each MD – €62,500 & €18,750 each respectively

Presentation Towns & Villages

- Allocated based on population bands

Municipal	Municipal Allocation	Town Development Fund	Village Enhancement Fund	Presentation Towns & Villages	Arts Program
BCOLLCARR	254,000	141,000	62,500	189,167	18,750
COBH	208,000	135,000	62,500	160,667	18,750
EASTCORK	231,218	120,000	62,500	104,500	18,750
FERMOY	211,000	125,000	62,500	118,833	18,750
KINSALEBAN	185,700	113,000	62,500	93,499	18,750
MACROOMBLA	188,000	100,000	62,500	73,667	18,750
MALLOWKANT	235,000	131,000	62,500	156,166	18,750
WESTCORK	305,000	135,000	62,500	203,501	18,750
Grand Total	1,817,918	1,000,000	500,000	1,100,000	150,000

Members then considered the Budget under the following separate headings:

- Division A Housing and Building
- Division B Road Transport and Safety
- Division C Water Services
- Division D Development Management
- Division E Environmental Services
- Division F Recreation and Amenity
- Division G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare
- Division H Miscellaneous Services

Division A: Housing and Building

- Additional budget provided for:
 - Boiler and Housing Maintenance €171,000
 - Mobility Aids Grant €220,000
 - Estate Management/Maintenance €62,000

Homeless Services	€500,000	
MTR (contra) & S/O restructuring	€365,000	
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○ DPG's Housing Stock	€250,000	
○ Boiler & Maintenance Programme	€850,000	
○ Planned Maintenance Programme	€500,000	

During a detailed discussion, Members made the following points:

- Cllrs Mullane, Twomey, McCarthy, Ml. Murphy confirmed that they would be tabling amendments under Division A.
- Current budget process makes it difficult for members to evaluate and propose amendments.
- Relevant data not available to members to make figures more meaningful.
- Discussions should begin three months before the draft budget is prepared.
- Is it premature allocating a budget to the Douglas/ Rochestown and other areas in light of the ongoing boundary issue
- Could there be a scheme of stove installations introduced.
- The rent increases were to be used for planned maintenance, has this changed?
- Members dissatisfied with discrepancies in funding for Municipal Districts.
- Services in Municipal Districts are diluted in terms of those provided by the Town Councils.
- There needs to be specific funding for targeting Japanese Knotweed.
- The Audit Committee has raised concerns regarding ICT and the need to make provision for risk avoidance.

In response the Chief Executive outlined the following:

- The ICT provision is a third of what was requested, there are challenges around cyber security, GDPR and Core Hr systems.
- The budget being adopted is for 2018, any changes in Local Government Arrangements will not affect this.
- There is significant investment in Housing; the stock survey results will be communicated back to the SPC and CPG to determine a targeted programme of works.
- The budgetary process is governed by a tight timeline, the process needs improvement but it must come from Central Government.
- It is clearly indicated how the GMA etc are calculated.
- Inconsistencies can arise from decisions made locally regarding discretionary finding.
- Committed to reviewing GMA allocation process via CPG after the budget is adopted.
- Once roads grants are finalised the Japanese Knotweed issue will be examined amongst others.

The Head of Finance advised as follows:

- ICT has been significantly underinvested in the last few years and the network is substandard resulting in issues in relation to cyber security. There is also need to upgrade in order to comply with GDPR requirements. The current allocation is a fraction of that required to upgrade and modernise ICT systems.

Division B: Roads

- **Roads Allocations** Based on current notified allocations 2017; Department will notify of actual 2018 allocations in January 2018.
- **Public Lighting** €400k towards Capital Programme
- **Town Approaches/ Roadside Maintenance Programme** Total fund €1.1m
- **Dursey Island Cable Car increased provision**
- **School Wardens provision**
- **Parking Income & Dividend reduction**
- **Work Force Plan**
- **Transfer of Street Cleaning Costs to MDs (Div E)**
- **Footpaths programme** Provided for in Capital Programme €1m

During a discussion, Members made the following points:-

- Cllrs O’Grady and Hayes confirmed that they would be tabling amendments under Division B.
- The Town Approach funding is critically important and is additional funds for the area offices and should not be decreased.
- Need for equity of car parking dividends across Municipal Districts.
- Increase in funding for the Dursey Cable Car is welcomed.
- Welcome the increase in road safety funding
- A motion was raised previously regarding rates rebates for businesses opening in derelict buildings

The Head of Finance advised as follows:

- Members could make provision for tree pruning and drainage via GMA
- Pay parking can be reviewed with CPG & MDs
- Capital works around schools would have to come from the Capital Programme
- Insurance costs have increased.
- Derelict building rates rebates would be under Division D, it can be looked at and a report brought to CPG.

Division C: Water Services

- Irish Water expenditure under SLA is fully recoupable (C01 C02 C03 C06)
- C03 NDW billing transferred to IW March 2017
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- Flood Relief (OPW funded) - Fermoy and Mallow Flood Relief works contra income and expenditure €450k

- Provision for Public Conveniences retained €170k
- Private Water Grant Schemes €40k increase due to estimated allocation (Contra)

Following comments/ questions by members the Head of Finance advised as follows:

- Group water and wastewater schemes are still under the Local Authority, not Irish Water, there is €1.6 for private water schemes.
- €3.3m for public conveniences and non Irish Water funding
- There are issues around €3.5m owed by Irish Water to Cork County Council and meetings are being held to resolve it.

Division D: Development Management

- Provision for County Development Plan preparations and Variation €300k
- Increase in planning fees income €100k
- HIIT - Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team €230k
- SICAP transfer to Revenue Account €1.92m
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- Provision for Tourism Operations & Development including Michael Collins House, Camden and Spike (increase)
- LEO's estimate decrease - mostly contra to income
- Retention of 'Community Development Initiative' fund to support community initiatives €500k
- Creative Ireland €100,000 (contra)
- 1916 Commemoration increased with €40k provided for future commemoration programme

During a discussion, Members made the following points:

- Cllrs Jeffers and Ó' Cadhla confirmed that they would be tabling amendments under Division D
- Economic Development has been a great success including projects such as the Beacon Programme, Commercial Units and kitchens.
- Great value from heritage and conservation activities, would like to see it expanded to include archaeological sites.

The Mayor requested an extension of time until 2.30pm. This was proposed by Councillor John Paul O'Shea and seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn.

Following comments/ questions by members the Head of Finance advised as follows:

- There will be sufficient funding for the proposed Cork – Sydney twinning as it will take some time to finalise.
- There is a Marine Strategy in place – a briefing could be arranged for members.
- The LEOs were 100% funded now €400,000 comes from Cork County Council
- The business growth hub building was fully funded by Cork County Council, it houses not just the LEOs but the Economic Development, Tourism and Community Development staff.

The Chief Executive made the following comment:

- MDs can put money aside for twinning but other costs may be covered at Corporate Services level if appropriate.

Division E: Environmental Services

- Legacy Landfill remediation €750k 90% recoupable
- Recycling facilities operating costs increase €480k based on activity
- Increases in Civic Amenity and Bring Sites income €349k
- Street Cleaning transferred from Roads
- Waste enforcement and the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) contra €300k
- Civil Defence increase €92k
- Provision for Dereliction increased to €120k
- Water safety €82k
- Fire Services Operations & training and payroll €300k increase
- Climate Change €117k provided (contra) – Regional Lead Authority
- Increase in Fire Services income €96k

Following comments/ questions by members the Head of Finance advised as follows:

- Regarding street cleaning there has been a change in the position on the budget but no change in allocation.
- Bottlehill loan charges are €1.8m per annum.
- With regard to litter management there has been an increase in staff and resources
- With regard to waste management there has been an increase in resources.

Division F: Recreation & Amenity

- Increase in swimming pool operation costs €286k
- Increase in library costs for book fund, library staff and operations €456k
- Maintenance Open Spaces & Parks increase €350k
- Town & Village Renewal €1.55m (contra funded by grant)
- Playground maintenance increased by €90k
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- Retention of :
 - General Municipal Allocation €1.8m
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 - Village presentation and enhancement €0.5m
 - Provision for playgrounds/parks for minor upgrades €150k

During a discussion, Members made the following points:

- Cllr Ó' Cadhla confirmed that he would be tabling amendments under Division F

- Welcome increases in open spaces and parks.
- Would like to see ring fenced funding for walks and cycle paths
- Is a curator for Kinsale Museum provided for?
- Is there funding for the provision and upgrade of playgrounds and MUGAs?

Following comments/ questions by members the Head of Finance advised as follows:

- Greenways and blueways can be provided for in the capital programme.
- Increase in museum funding for Kinsale
- There is capital provision for playgrounds and MUGAs, will revert regarding grants.
- Funding is provided for Visit Cork and pure Cork
- Funding for commemorations via heritage and national grants through the Commemorations Committee.

Division G: Agri, Educ, Health & Welfare

- Increased provision for maintenance Piers & Harbours
- New Provision for Dredging Programme €150k
- Increase in costs of Dog Warden Service €81k
- Reduction in inspection of Abattoirs
- Reduction in estimate HEGs grants (contra) €50k

During a discussion, Members made the following points:

- There is an issue with dog fouling in cemeteries and other areas; there is a need to increase prosecution levels.
- Dog wardens need to be more visible on the ground.
- Welcome increase in funding for operation and maintenance of piers and harbours.
- Welcome €150K provision for dredging programme, important to marine tourism.
- No control over moorings in a lot of areas of the county.

Following comments/ questions by members the Head of Finance advised as follows:

- Capital provision to 2020 will take account of Coastal works
- Higher Education Grants – while no new students have been taken on, a number of existing grant recipients are still within the third level system, there is a cost associated with providing staff and support.

Division H: Miscellaneous Services

- Change in Accounting treatment of Machinery Yard; incorporating full cost including CMC, contra to income
- Reduction in Bad Debt provision for Rates €0.5m
- Saving on Rates Relief Scheme
- Representational Payments provision for increase
- Reduction in Motor Tax costs €193k
- Inclusion of Dept compensation towards costs of pay agreements

- Irish Water Rates income €1.5m
- Insurance increase
- Legal Contingency Provision

During a discussion, Members made the following points:

- Why is there an increase in the transport costs for the Mayor's Office?
- What is the legal contingency for?
- There is general recognition in the chamber that the Mayor should be facilitated in the carrying out of his duties.
- It is also a health and safety issue due to the size of the County and length of the Mayor's day.
- It was agreed at CPG to put this arrangement in place.
- Payments to Members' representative associations – could be looked at for next year and how the associations represent the members.

The Head of Finance advised as follows:

- The legal contingency fund has been started at the request of the Auditor
- Agreement from Council in June to provide a car and driver service for the Mayor, €30K provision, can revert to CPG if needed.

The Chief Executive made the following comment:

- There is a need for the Mayor to have flexibility to attend events and this interim arrangement was agreed by CPG.

The Mayor then thanked the Head of Finance and her team for the preparation of the draft budget and invited comments from the party leaders.

The comments made by the party leaders included the following points:

- The increase in the overall budget is welcome and the decision not to vary the LPT protected funding without placing an extra burden of householders.
- Key areas are being protected or increased
- School safety measures to be welcomed
- Support the review of GMA and town and village fund allocations.
- National Government needs to provide funding for housing.
- There should be full recoupment of salary increases.
- Outdoor staff are critically important as evidenced by the response to Storm Ophelia
- There is dissatisfaction with the budgetary process, it is removed from individual Councillors.
- Welcome the retention of initiatives and the introduction of new ones.

2. To deal with such draft Budget in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations 2002.

The Mayor declared that a vote would be taken on the Budget as follows:-

Adoption of the Council's Budget for the Local Financial Year ending 31.12.2018.

Resolution 1

Proposed by:- Cllr John Paul O'shea

Seconded by:- Cllr Timmy Collins

The Mayor then declared that an individual vote would be taken on each of the amendments unless withdrawn by the proposer.

Division A – Housing & Building

Amendment 1

SF Redistribution From CCC Budget 2018	Re-Allocated to	Redistributed From	Explanation
€200,000	Homeless Services: 4 Tenancy Support Workers. 2 For Southern Div and 1 each for North and West.	€400,000 ICT Upgrade	This is the second €200,000 allocated from the €400,000 transferred from the proposed €800,000 ICT upgrade.

Proposed by Cllr Melissa Mullane

Seconded by Cllr Des O'Grady

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, K. McCarthy, O'Cadhla, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes,

[10]

AGAINST:

McGrath, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[31]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendment 2

Housing Development Expert Group - (€25k proposal for each MD) 200,000 to Create Inhouse Expert Group (members from each MD to work with Housing & Planning staff) to submit proposals to Government for direct housing development - so badly needed.

Proposed by Cllr Diarmaid Ó' Cadhla
 Seconded by Cllr Kieran McCarthy

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, K. McCarthy, O' Cadhla, Twomey, G. Murphy, M. Mullane, Hayes

[10]

AGAINST: McGrath, Ó Donnabháin, Desmond, Harris, , Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, B Moynihan, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[31]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendment 3

Private Rental Housing Inspection & Enforcement - 125,000 - Possibly sub-contracted pending Government financing of enhanced inhouse services. Council needs to seek additional funds from Government or internally to hire direct staff in this function.

Proposed by Cllr Diarmaid Ó' Cadhla
 Seconded by Cllr Kieran McCarthy

Cllr Des O'Grady asked Cllr Ó' Cadhla to change the wording to remove reference to sub-contractors, Cllr Ó' Cadhla agreed.

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, K. McCarthy, O' Cadhla, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes,

[9]

AGAINST: Councillors McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, Linehan-Foley, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[30]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendment 4

SF Redistribution From CCC Budget 2018	Re-Allocated to	Redistributed From	Explanation

€200,000 for	Social Housing Emergency Repairs	€400,000 ICT Upgrade	€200,000 Allocated from €400,000, (Leaving €200,000 to be allocated) transferred from the proposed €800,000 ICT upgrade
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Proposed by: Cllr Danielle Twomey
Seconded by Cllr Eoghan Jeffers

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, K. McCarthy, O'Cádhla, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes,

[9]

AGAINST: Councillors McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, Creed, Lucey, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, Linehan-Foley, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[32]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendment 5

SF Redistribution From CCC Budget 2018	Re-Allocated to	Redistributed From	Explanation
€317,214	Extra for DPG Grants to help clear backlog.	€317,214 Economic Dev Fund	€317,214 from the Ec Dev Fund of €1,317,214

Proposed by Cllr Rachel McCarthy
Seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, O'Cádhla, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes

[8]

AGAINST: McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, Creed, Lucey, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[28]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendment 6

SF Redistribution From CCC Budget 2018	Re-Allocated to	Redistributed From	Explanation
€148,000	2 Full time social Workers	Total €148,000 Conferences Abroad Chairs and Vice Chairs.	Total €148,000 €40,000 Conferences Abroad + €108,000 Chairs/Vice Chairs Allowances.

Proposed by Cllr Michael Murphy
 Seconded by Cllr Rachel McCarthy

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, O’Grady, O’Cádhlá, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes

[9]

AGAINST: McGrath, Desmond, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, o’Donovan, Creed, Lucey, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O’Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O’Sullivan, C. O’Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[27]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Division B: Roads

Amendment 1

SF Redistribution From CCC Budget 2018	Re-Allocated to	Redistributed From	Explanation
€600,000	Continuous Drainage Flood Relief Programme. Paul Hayes	€600,000 Town approaches and Roadside Appearance	Total €600,000 Allocated from Town approaches and Roadside Appearance transferred from €1,100,000.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Hayes
 Seconded by Cllr Des O’grady

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O’Grady, O’Cádhlá, Twomey, M. Mullane, D. Collins, Hayes

[9]

AGAINST: McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, O’Donovan, Creed, Lucey, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O’Flynn, Doyle,

Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[28]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendment 2

SF Redistribution From CCC Budget 2018	Re-Allocated to	Redistributed From	Explanation
€300,000	Tree Pruning and Grass Cutting Crew to operate similarly to the mobile Anti-Litter unit.	€300,000 From Corporate General Services.	Total €300,000 allocated from Corporate General Services transferred from €700,000.

Proposed by Cllr Des O'Grady
Seconded by Cllr Eoghan Jeffers

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, O'Cádhlá, Twomey, M. Mullane, D. Collins, Hayes

[10]

AGAINST: McGrath, Desmond, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Creed, Lucey, K. Conway, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[27]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Division D – Development Management

Amendment 1

Sinn Féin - Action Plan for County Cork

Proposed by Cllr Eoghan Jeffers
Seconded by Cllr Paul Hayes

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, O'Cádhlá, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes

[8]

AGAINST: McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, O'Donovan, Lucey, K. Conway, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy,

O'Flynn, Doyle, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, D. Collins, T. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[28]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

Amendments 3 & 4 proposed by Cllr Ó' Cadhla were withdrawn

Division F: Recreation & Amenity

Amendment 1 proposed by Cllr Ó' Cadhla was withdrawn

Amendment 2

Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces - 75,000 - Leaving increase over 2017 - Town & Village Fund the rest of increase on this item, left untouched.

Proposed by Cllr Ó' Cadhla
Seconded by Cllr Rachel McCarthy

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, O' Cadhla, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes

[8]

AGAINST: McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, O'Donovan, Creed, Lucey, K. Conway, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, D. Collins, T. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[30]

The Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

The Mayor then called a vote on the substantive motion:

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations, the Draft Budget for the financial year ending 31.12.2018 as presented by the Chief Executive and as set out in Tables A - F, be and is hereby adopted.

FOR: Councillors McGrath, Desmond, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, O'Donovan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, Ml. Hegarty, S McCarthy, Linehan-Foley, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, O'Shea, G. Murphy, G. Murphy, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Hurley

[31]

AGAINST: Councillors Jeffers, Ml. Murphy, O'Grady, R. McCarthy, O' Cadhla, Twomey, M. Mullane, Hayes,

[8]

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

Resolution 2

Determination of the Annual Rate on Valuation for the Local Financial Year ending 31 December 2018.

Proposed by:- Cllr Michael Hegarty

Seconded by:- Cllr Kevin Murphy

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations, and in accordance with the Local Authority Budget for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2018, as adopted, the annual rate on valuation as set out in Table A hereunder be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for the said Financial Year having regard to the Base Year Adjustment period of 5 years that commenced in 2016 determined in accordance with Section 29 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The Annual Rate to be levied shall be **74.75**.

Resolution 3

Rates Vacancy Refund.

Proposed by:- Cllr Gerard Murphy

Seconded by:- Cllr Susan McCarthy

That pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of the Local Government Act 1946, Cork County Council will continue to apply a 100% rates vacancy refund for 2018.

Tenders:

The following tenders were opened at the Meeting:-

- Glanmire/Sallybook – Tree Felling 2017

This concluded the business of the Meeting