

**Minutes of the Ennis Municipal District Budget Meeting
held on Tuesday 8th November 2022, at 10:00am,
in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present:

Councillors: C. Colleran-Molloy, P. Murphy, P. Daly, M. Howard.

Officials: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Noeleen Fitzgerald, Head of Finance, Patrick Tiernan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Niamh O'Connor, Administrative Officer and Lily McInerney, Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. A. Norton, L. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer.

The meeting invite stated a blended format would be available, per standing orders. However, the online element was not setup on the day, therefore Cllr. Flynn was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Colleran-Molloy opened the meeting, welcoming all Members, Chief Executive, Director of Finance and staff. She outlined the statutory basis for this budgetary meeting. She then invited the Director of Finance to brief the meeting.

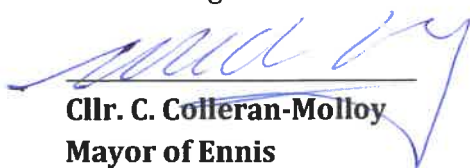
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance, addressed the meeting and outlined its purpose - to consider the proposed General Municipal Budget Allocation (GMA) for 2023 for the Municipal District of Ennis.

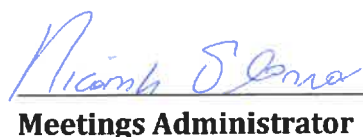
- the Council budget meeting will take place on Friday 25th November at 2:30pm, in advance of which a briefing to full Council will take place on 15th November.
- the intention is that the GMA for 2023 will remain at €1,273,000, thus EMD allocation for 2023 is €318,250 subject to approval of full Council in November.

Chief Executive, Pat Dowling, addressed the meeting, outlining the current challenges being faced by the local authority in setting its budget for the next year. He highlighted the primary difficulty being rising inflation, which renders the delivery of services more costly than in previous years. He continued that these are the constraints that the Council must adhere to in continuing to maintain services.

Mayor Colleran-Molloy thanked the Chief Executive, Director of Service, Director of Finance and all Members.

The Meeting ended at 10:14am.


Cllr. C. Colleran-Molloy
Mayor of Ennis


Meetings Administrator

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Date