

Minutes of the Shannon Municipal District Meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan held on Friday 8th November, 2019 at 12.00pm at the office of the Municipal District, Town Hall, Shannon, Co. Clare.

Present: Councillors Gerard Flynn (Cathaoirleach), P.J. Ryan, Pat McMahon, John Crowe and Michael Begley.

Pat Dowling Chief Executive, Liam Conneally Director of Service, Noeleen Fitzgerald A/Head of Finance, Aidan O'Rourke Senior Executive Engineer, Trina Rynne Financial Accountant, Siobhán O'Reilly, Meetings Administrator and Patricia O'Neill, Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Cathal Crowe and Mike McKee.

1. Consideration of the Draft Budget – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Shannon Municipal District.

Cllr. Gerard Flynn opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive outlined that the 15% increase in the Local Property Tax (LPT) agreed by the Elected Members of Clare County Council allowed a further allocation to increase the GMA by €500,000 in total across the four Municipal Districts bringing the total allocation to €1,273,000. The allocation will be split evenly by the number of Members in each MD. This has resulted in the Shannon MD receiving 24% of this increase. The purpose of the meeting was to seek the approval of Elected Members in relation to the allocation of €318,250 for the Shannon MD.

Mr. Dowling referred to the resourcing of the MD Office and advised that a Senior Executive Officer will be assigned to each MD in the County in 2020. The SEO will manage the MD office and will report to the Director of Service.

A discussion took place on the GMA allocation, the extension of the Shannon MD area, staffing requirements and transparency in expenditure.

Ms. Noeleen Fitzgerald briefed the meeting in relation to the budgetary process, stating that there are 3 phases to the process:

Phase 1 – LPT consideration

Phase 2 - GMA allocation and approval

Phase 3 – Budget meeting for the full Council scheduled for the 22nd November, 2019.

A document was circulated which summarised the Shannon MD allocation from 2014 to 2020 along with a further breakdown on the budget allocated under various headings for the period from 2016 to 2019.

The GMA for the Shannon Municipal District for 2020 of €318,250 was proposed by Cllr. John Crowe and seconded by Cllr. Pat McMahon was agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Gerard Flynn,
Cathaoirleach.

Signed: _____

Meeting Administrator

Dated: November, 2019.