

Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting of Louth County Council held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 16th November, 2015 following the ordinary November meeting.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Savage

Members: Councillors: P. Bell, D. Breathnach M. Butler, T. Byrne, K. Callan, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, R. Culhane, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, C. Keelan, J. Loughran, C. Markey, J. McGahon, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, D. Minogue, I. Munster, L. Reilly, T. Sharkey, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully M. Yore

Officials: J. Martin, Chief Executive
B. Woods, Head of Finance
F. Pentony, Director of Services
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
B. Lynch, Financial Accountant
D. Storey, Senior Executive Officer
M. T. Daly, Senior Executive Officer
G. Kelly, Senior Engineer
P. Finn, Senior Engineer
J. Smith, Administrative Officer
P. Donnelly, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Cllr. J. Green

Minute No. 299/15

Draft Budget 2016

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Peter Savage formally opened the meeting to consider the Draft Budget for 2016. The Chief Executive set out the key elements of the budget.

In presenting her report the Chief Executive referred to the draft budget document dated under cover of 9th November circulated to the members wherein sets out that the Draft Budget provides for expenditure totalling €95.70 million and an income of €53.58 million. The balance of €42.12 million to be funded from

a combination of Local Property Tax, General Purpose Grant, the Pension related deductions from Staff remunerations and Commercial rates.

The Members were advised that the budget provided for a further stage in the realigning of rates across the county, and to that end the rate in the Euro for Dundalk and Drogheda areas will be reduced from €65.16 to €64.50 and the rate in County areas would increase from €55.36 to €56.00.

The members attention was drawn to the references in the Draft Budget to the findings of a Participatory Budgeting Survey carried out at the request of the Members.

Minute No. 300/15

Budget Programme proposals

The Directors of Service with responsibility for the various service deliveries and statutory functions outlined the expenditure profiles for their respective Directorates and addressed the member's queries in regard to the expenditure and income proposals.

Minute No. 301/15

Adjournment

Proposed by: Cllr O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doyle
And resolved

That the meeting adjourn for ten minutes.

Minute No. 302/15

Adjournment

Proposed by: Cllr O. Tully
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Bell

That the meeting adjourn for one week to allow the members obtain the information sought and consider same.

Amendment

Proposed by: Cllr M. Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. K. Flood

That the meeting continue and members vote on the adoption of the Draft Budget.

Minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting November 2015

There followed a roll call vote:

Amendment

For: Cllrs. M. Butler, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, F. Godfrey, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster. **Total ten (10)**

Against: Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, K. Flood, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore **Total seventeen (17)**

Absent Cllrs. J. Green, T. Sharkey **Total two (2)**

The Cathaoirleach confirmed the amendment fell.

Motion

For: Cllrs. P. Bell, D. Breathnach, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, M. Doyle, K. Flood, C. Keelan, C. Markey, D. Minogue, L. Reilly, P. Smith, J. Tenanty, O. Tully, M. Yore. **Total seventeen (17)**

Against: Cllrs. M. Butler, A. Cassidy, E. Corrigan, T. Cunningham, M. Dearey, F. Godfrey, J. Loughran, P. McGeough, K. Meenan, I. Munster. **Total ten (10)**

Absent Cllrs. J. Green, T. Sharkey **Total two (2)**

The Cathaoirleach confirmed the Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned and was scheduled to reconvene at 5.00pm on Monday 23rd November 2015 at County Hall, Dundalk.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of Council held on:-

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meetings Administrator: _____