

Borough District of Drogheda 2021 Budgetary Plan Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Borough District of Drogheda 2021 Budgetary Plan Meeting held in the Railway Room, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 19th October 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

In attendance:

Mayor: Cllr. Kevin Callan

Members: Councillors: James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Tom Cunningham, Michelle Hall, Cllr. Fiachra MacRaghnaill, Cllr. Paddy McQuillan Declan Power, Pio Smith, Cllr. Eileen Tully

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

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Budgetary Plan 2021

Mayor Kevin Callan commenced the meeting.

The Chief Executive briefed Members on Draft Budgetary Plan and the Borough District of Drogheda Budgetary Plan for 2021. Members were advised that District Allocations had been reduced from €65,000 to €55,000, but this figure would be reviewed at AFS in March.

Members were informed that we are to receive half of the 6month income lost on rates waivers which the Council has been carrying since March. However the rates waiver has now been extended to year end.

Members were advised other Covid Expenditure and loss of income currently stands at circa €1.5million to year end and it is unknown as to whether this will be forthcoming.

The Chief Executive advised on a positive note that the Irish Public Bodies have notified the council of an insurance rebate of circa €500,000, some due to improvement works carried out by the Council, reducing a Public Liability risk and that insurance costs for 2021 will also decrease. With the rebate this is expected to net between €600,000 - €650,000 saving, so while the Covid cost is significant the overall budget figures will not vary hugely from those in 2020.

She pointed out that Dundalk Members raised an issue that allocations should be population based and contend that they should therefore get a higher proportion of Members Allocations than other MDs. Drogheda Members indicated that they would not support this.

The Draft Budgetary Plan was proposed by Cllr. Kevin Callan and seconded by Cllr. Pio Smyth.

Members raised concerns about the Lourdes Stadium in Drogheda including increase in fees, suggesting longer opening hours, and staffing.

Matters were addressed by Paddy Donnelly Director of Services.

The Chief Executive reiterated that funds were required to assist with upkeep of track surfacing etc., that we have to have ways of funding in order to upkeep buildings.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____