

Municipal District of Ardee 2021 Budgetary Plan Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Ardee 2021 Budgetary Plan Meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 19th October 2020 at 12.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor John Sheridan

Members: Councillors: H. Conlon, P. McGeough, D. Minogue, J. Tenanty

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

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Budgetary Plan 2021

Cathaoirleach John Sheridan commenced the meeting.

The Chief Executive briefed Members on Draft Budgetary Plan and the Municipal District of Ardee 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 6 month 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 - €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 that they should therefore get a higher proportion of Members Allocations than other MDs.

Ardee Members requested it noted that their pooling of money to tackle bigger items was sometimes invaluable and that while they had a smaller population this was spread over a larger geographical area and they would resist this.

The Budgetary Plan was proposed by Cllr. J. Tenanty, seconded by Cllr. D. Minogue and agreed by the members to the discretionary budget of €55,000.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____