

**MINUTES OF 2016 BUDGET MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

- PRESENT:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary in the chair.
- NORTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
- NORTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
- NORTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
- SOUTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
- SOUTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
- SOUTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive.  
Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance.  
Mr. J. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.  
Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation.  
Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.  
Mr. K. Lynch, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning & Economic Development.  
Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance Dept.  
Mr. M. Steele, Administrative Officer, Finance Dept.  
Ms. M. Barrett, Administrative Officer, Environment & Recreation.  
Mr. G. McCarthy, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community.  
Ms. N. Fitzgerald, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.  
Mr. D. Hickey, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.  
Ms. S. Twomey, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.  
Mr. T. Howard, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Dept.  
Mr. M. Lyons, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Dept.  
Mr. A. Russell, Assistant Staff Officer, Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary recited the opening prayer and observed one minutes reflection. He then welcomed Members, Officials, members of the public and members of the press, and outlined the proposed format for the meeting.

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer called on An Chomhairle to show solidarity with the citizens of Paris, France, following on from the events of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This was agreed.

An tArdmhéara said that elected members could make an opening statement on the Budget. All contributions from members were to be limited to three minutes in duration. However, he first invited the Chief Executive to clarify the late change to the Budget due to the Global Utility Rate Revaluation.

Following the Chief Executives clarification, Comhairleoir T. Gould called for the suspension of Standing Orders. He proposed the following and was seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan:

‘That tonight’s meeting be adjourned to allow the Leaders and Whips, Chief Executive and Head of Finance to meet and discuss the effect of the rates reduction on Cork City Council’s Budget for 2016.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney.  
(20)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. O’Driscoll, J. Buttimer, P.J. Hourican.  
(7)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir S. Martin.  
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of the motion was more than the number of votes against the motion, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion adopted.

*The meeting was adjourned at 6.50pm and recommenced at 7.15pm.*

Upon recommencement of the meeting, An tArdmhéara informed members that there was no clarification from the Department at this stage regarding a possible reimbursement to Cork City Council of revenue lost due to the Utility Rate Revaluation.

Comhairleoir T. Gould proposed the following and was seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Shea:

‘That tonight’s meeting be adjourned for one week to seek clarification that the Department will reimburse Cork City Council for the reduction in revenue as a result of their decision to reduce the Utility Rates by €762,000 or whatever figure it may amount to.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.  
(13)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(16)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir T. Moloney.  
(1)

As the number of votes against the motion was more than the number of votes in favour of the motion, An tArdmhéara declared the vote defeated and the motion rejected.

1. **REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive presented her report on the 2016 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. A detailed consideration of Service Divisions A – H then followed with the Chief Executive and other officials responding to questions and issues raised by Members.

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting beyond 8pm to complete the Budget Meeting.

3. **SERVICE DIVISION A**

3.1 The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir T. Moloney and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn.

‘That Cork City Council apply to their lenders for a one year holiday on the payment of the interest paid on loans for the Affordable Housing and Land Bank loans and to put the savings made of approximately €1.5 million towards the following:  
€500,000 to Housing Maintenance,  
€500,000 for Estate Resurfacing, Footpaths, etc,  
€500,000 for Housing Adaptations.’

The Head of Finance advised members that loan repayments are a mandatory charge and Cork City Council is obliged to pay them.

An tArdmhéara declared that the amendment was not in order and no vote was taken.

3.2 The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir T. Moloney and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn.

‘That Cork City Council takes 100% of the cost of the Housing Voids from the 2015 – 2017 Capital Programme Budget. This would have a minimum saving of €1 million which should be ring fenced as follows:  
€300,000 to Housing Maintenance,  
€300,000 for Estate Resurfacing, Footpaths, etc,  
€300,000 for Housing Adaptations,  
€100,000 toward the playground in Bishopstown.’

The Head of Finance advised members that the Budget being discussed was a Revenue Budget and transfers from Capital to Revenue could not be facilitated.

An tArdmhéara declared that the amendment was not in order and no vote was taken.

- 3.3 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division A was proposed by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(16)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.  
(15)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division A was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

#### 4. **SERVICE DIVISION B**

- 4.1 Comhairleoir S. Martin proposed that if there were to be any buoyancy in Roads income at the end of Quarter 1, it was to be ring-fenced for use on discretionary Roads projects which will be agreed upon by the full Council. This was agreed.

The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division B was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(16)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.  
(15)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division B was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

#### 5. **SERVICE DIVISION C**

- 5.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division C was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

- FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(16)
- AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.  
(15)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division C was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

## 6. **SERVICE DIVISION D**

- 6.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division D was proposed by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle and seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

- FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(18)
- AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.  
(13)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division D was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

## 7. **SERVICE DIVISION E**

- 7.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division E was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan.

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division without the need for a vote. An tArdmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

## 8. **SERVICE DIVISION F**

- 8.1 The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir M. Nugent and seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin.

‘That €200,000 be moved from Community Facilities (F0403) to Contribution to Other Bodies Art Programme (F0502).’

Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, outlined to members the purpose and rationale for expenditure in F0403.

Following this clarification, Comhairleoir M. Nugent withdrew his amendment.

- 8.2 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division F was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keefe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(26)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, M. O'Sullivan.  
(4)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir T. Moloney.  
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division F was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

## 9. **SERVICE DIVISION G**

- 9.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division G was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keefe, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(18)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.  
(13)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division G was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

## 10. **SERVICE DIVISION H**

- 10.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division H was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(18)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.  
(12)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir T. Moloney.  
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of Service Division H was more than the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

#### 11. **ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the following motion was proposed;

‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget as presented for the local financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, as set forth in Tables A to F thereof be and is hereby adopted.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.  
(17)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.  
(14)

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

#### 12. **DETERMINATION OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the following motion was proposed;

‘That in accordance with the Budget as so adopted and as set forth in Tables A to F thereof, the general annual rate on valuation set forth in Table A thereof is hereby determined to be €74.05.’

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt this motion without taking a vote.

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

13. **APPROVAL OF OVER-EXPENDITURES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the following motion was proposed;

‘In accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 that the Council hereby approves the over-expenditure for 2015 as outlined.’

An Chomhairle agreed to adopt this motion without taking a vote.

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

14. **CONCLUSION**

This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**