

**MINUTES OF 2023 BUDGET MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

- PRESENT:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde in the chair.
- NORTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran.
- NORTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
- SOUTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon.
- SOUTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S O’Callaghan, P. Dineen.
- SOUTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.

- ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive.  
Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer.  
Ms. A. Murnane, Senior Executive Officer, CAIR.  
Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive  
Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Operations.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, CAIR.  
Mr. N. O’Donnabhain, Director of Services, Housing  
Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance Dept.  
Mr. M. Steele, Administrative Officer, Finance Dept.  
Ms. C. Johnston, Staff Officer, Finance Dept.  
Ms. J. Finnegan, Clerical Officer, Finance Dept.  
Ms. M. Barrett, Administrative Officer, Operations.  
Ms. C. O’Sullivan, Communications Officer, CAIR  
Ms. Aoife Ni Drisceoil, Digital Media Specialist, CAIR

- APOLOGIES:** Comhairleoir G. Keohane

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde recited the opening prayer and observed one minute’s reflection. An tArdmhéara outlined the proposed format for the meeting which included that Elected Members’ speeches would be limited to 3 minutes in duration. She then thanked the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and officials in Cork City Council for the work put into preparing the Draft 2023 Budget.

**1. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive presented her Report on the 2023 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. A number of Members spoke on the issues and challenges associated with the Draft Budget 2023.

**CHANGE IN CHAIR** An tArdmhéara vacated the chair at 7pm and An Leas Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Boylan took the in her absence.

## **2. BUDGET 2022 AMENDMENTS**

- 2.1** The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir D. Cahill and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

‘To increase the expenditure budget for Ward Funds in B0405 by 15,500 and as a result decrease the expenditure budget in H1101 (Agency & Recoupable Services) by 15,500.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this proposal without taking a vote.

An Leas Ardmhéara declared the proposal adopted.

- 2.2** The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir D. Cahill and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon.

‘To increase the expenditure budget for Tidy District Grants in D0905 by 14,500 and as a result decrease the expenditure budget in H1101 (Agency & Recoupable Services) by 14,500.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this proposal without taking a vote.

An Leas Ardmhéara declared the proposal adopted.

- 2.3** The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir D. Boyle and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

‘To increase the expenditure budget for School Wardens in B0801 by €20,000 and as a result decrease the expenditure budget in H1101 (Agency & Recoupable Services) by 20,000.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this proposal without taking a vote.

An Leas Ardmhéara declared the proposal adopted.

- 2.4** The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir L. Bogue and seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran.

‘To increase Commercial Rates from 3.8% to 6% and to provide 3 bands in the rates rebate scheme which will result in the reduction of payments for small to medium sized enterprises. The proposed amendment to the Rates Rebate Scheme is as follows:

10% rebate for rate payers with an annual rates liability of between €0 and €4,000

5% rebate for rate payers with an annual rates liability of between €4,001 and €10,000

3% rebate for rate payers with an annual rates liability of between €10,001 and €30,000’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, C. Finn, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.

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**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Kavanagh, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K McCarthy, T. Shannon, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher.  
(15)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir M. Finn, P. Dineen.  
(2)

As the numbers voting against the amendment were greater than those voting for, An Leas Ardmhéara declared the proposal defeated.

**3. SERVICE DIVISION A**

**3.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**4. SERVICE DIVISION B**

**4.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**5. SERVICE DIVISION C**

**5.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**6. SERVICE DIVISION D**

**6.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**7. SERVICE DIVISION E**

**7.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**8. SERVICE DIVISION F**

8.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**9. SERVICE DIVISION G**

9.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**10. SERVICE DIVISION H**

10.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Comhairle agreed to adopt this Service Division and an Leas Ardmhéara declared the Service Division approved.

**CHANGE IN CHAIR** An tArdmhéara returned and resumed the chair.

**11. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, 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 2023 be and is hereby amended as hereunder:-*

***Table B:***

<i>EXP B0405</i>	<i>+15,500</i>
<i>EXP B0801</i>	<i>+20,000</i>
<i>EXP D0905</i>	<i>+15,500</i>
<i>EXP H1101</i>	<i>- 50,000’</i>

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

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

**12. ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

12.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 2023, 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 J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde, M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.  
(24)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí K.O'Flynn, T. Tynan, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, P. Dineen.  
(5)

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

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

**13.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, 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 77.59.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.  
(25)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí K.O'Flynn, T. Tynan, M. Finn, P. Dineen.  
(4)

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

### **14. APPROVAL OF OVER-EXPENDITURES**

**14.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 2022 as outlined.’

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

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

15. **CONCLUSION**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHÉARA  
CATHAOIRLEACH**