

**MINUTES OF 2024 BUDGET MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

- PRESENT:** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Boyle in the chair.
- NORTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran.
- NORTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
- SOUTH EAST:** Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
- SOUTH CENTRAL:** Comhairleoirí S O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen.
- SOUTH WEST:** Comhairleoirí C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, A. Deasy, T. Coleman.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Chief Executive.  
Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer.  
Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive  
Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator, CAIR.  
Ms. A. O’Rourke, Director of Housing.  
Ms. R. Loughry, Director of Services, CAIR.  
Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Service Redesign & Emergency Management.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Operations.  
Mr. N. O’Donnabhain, Director of Services, Planning & Development.  
Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance.  
Ms. C. Johnston, Staff Officer, Finance.  
Ms. S. Ashman, Accountant, Finance.  
Ms. M. Barrett Administrative Officer, Operations
- APOLOGIES:** Comhairleoir T. Shannon

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Boyle 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. He then thanked the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and officials in Cork City Council for the work put into preparing the Draft 2025 Budget.

## 1. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive presented her Report on the 2025 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. A number of Members spoke on the issues and challenges associated with the Draft Budget 2025.

## 2. BUDGET 2025 AMENDMENTS

2.1 The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill.

‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget as presented for the local financial year ending 31st December 2025 be and is hereby amended as hereunder: -

### Table A:

Income	
Rates	-2,500,000
Adjustment to Net Effective Valuation to reflect end of Rate Incentive Scheme	+537,000

### Table B:

Income	
A0101 Rents	+ 560,000
Expenditure	- 1,403,000’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
(23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy.  
(3)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

As the numbers voting for the amendment were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the proposal adopted.

2.2 The following amendment to the Draft Budget was proposed by Comhairleoir A. Deasy and seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen.

‘The % proportion of wages/superannuation to rates & services be equal to 59.75% i.e., 2020 Budget standard. An immediate staff level review with the aim of reducing costs by €16m. In the meantime, an embargo on all recruitment, with the wages savings and non-pay hereunder available to address members priorities’

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Service Division</b>	<b>Sub-service</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wages & salaries		Decrease	2,775,400
D	D0501	Decrease	356,200
D	D0601	Decrease	260,000
D	D0905	Decrease	630,000
E	E1202	Decrease	388,000
E	E1501	Decrease	194,200
F	F0401	Decrease	300,000
F	F0404	Decrease	40,000
F	F0501	Decrease	200,000
f	F0502	Decrease	404,000
F	F0503	Decrease	71,400
Central Management Charge		Decrease	2,458,900
Members Priorities		Increase	8,078,100

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoir A. Deasy.  
(1)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
(25)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoirí.  
(0)

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

### **3. SERVICE DIVISION A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H**

#### **3.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher,

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
**(23)**

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy.  
**(3)**

**ABSTAIN:** **(0)**

As the numbers voting for the amendment were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the Service Division approved adopted.

### **4. ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

#### **4.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, the following motion was proposed;

*‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget, as amended, for the local financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, 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, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
**(23)**

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy.  
**(3)**

**ABSTAIN:** **(0)**

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

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

#### **5.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, 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, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
(23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy.  
(3)

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

## **6. APPROVAL OF VACANCY ABATEMENT SCHEME**

**6.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, the following motion was proposed;

‘That Cork City Council makes a scheme for the abatement of rates due to it by liable persons, or classes of persons, in respect of vacant properties in accordance with the provisions Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended.

Such a scheme in respect of vacant property will provide for an abatement of 40% of the rates due to CorkCity Council by a liable person for the financial year ending 31 December 2025”

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
(23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy.  
(3)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

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

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

**8.1** On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, 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 2024 as outlined.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, T. Coleman.  
(23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy.  
(3)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

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

## 9. CONCLUSION

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**