

Minutes of the Municipal District of Muinebheag
Draft Budgetary Plan (General Municipal Allocation) 2026
held on Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 at 3.30 p.m.
in the Meeting Room, McGrath Hall, Muinebheag, Co. Carlow

Members Present:	Cllr. Daniel Pender – <i>Cathaoirleach</i> Cllr. Michael Doran – <i>Leas Cathaoirleach</i> Cllr. Tommy Kinsella Cllr. Willie Quinn Cllr. Andy Gladney
In Attendance:	Orla Barrett, A/Director of Services P.J. Leonard, Director of Finance Ms. Lilly Slye, Senior Executive Engineer Tommie Hickson, Meeting Administrator
Apologies:	Mr. Pádraig O’Gorman, Director of Services

**Chief Executive’s 2026 report to the Muinebheag Municipal District Members –
Draft Budgetary Plan – General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**

Cathaoirleach Daniel Pender opened the meeting and welcomed all to the Budget meeting of the Municipal District of Muinebheag. He invited Mr. P.J. Leonard, Director of Finance to present the Draft Budgetary Plan – General Municipal Allocation.

Mr. P.J. Leonard presented the Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) 2026 to the members for their consideration while outlining the statutory timelines set out by the Minister for the adoption of this plan. Mr. Leonard reminded the members that consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) is one step in the overall budgetary process for the county, adding that the Schedule of Municipal District Works (Service Delivery Plan) will be brought to the members of the Municipal Districts for consideration following the adoption of the overall County Budget.

In distributing the 2026 General Municipal Allocation (GMA) between the three Municipal Districts, Mr. Leonard outlined that he had given regard to the requirements of the legislation set out under Section 102 (4A) (b) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014, in what he believes to be a fair and equitable manner.

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Mr. Leonard emphasised the importance of maintaining high quality frontline and customer facing services, with particular emphasis on the public realm, maintenance of open spaces, and street cleaning. In addition, the ever-increasing cost of inflation, operation of the county fire service and ICT security.

		Muinebheag Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2026
A0101	MAINTENANCE OF LA HOUSING UNITS	321,100
B0405	LOCAL ROADS MTCE (LOCAL CONTRIB.)	358,950
D0603	COMMUNITY GRANTS	45,000
D0603	SPECIAL PROJECTS (MEMBERS)	50,000
D0603	MAYOR / CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS	1,500
D0903	TOWNTWINNING / DIASPORA	11,750
D0905	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	26,000
D0905	STREET SCAPES / SHOP FRONTS	18,000
E0502	LITTER CONTROL INITIATIVES	17,100
E0601	STREET CLEANING - CARLOW TOWN	
E0601	STREET CLEANING - TULLOW	-
E0601	STREET CLEANING VILLAGES - TULLOW MD	
E0601	STREET CLEANING - MUINEBHEAG	106,100
E0601	STREET CLEANING VILLAGES - MUINEBHEAG MD	78,000
F0103	CONTRIBUTION TO SWIMMING POOLS	27,500
F0301	DUCKETTS GROVE AMENITY AREA	
F0301	OAK PARK AMENITY AREA	
F0301	TULLOW TOWN PARK	
F0301	OPEN SPACES - TULLOW	
F0301	OPEN SPACES - MUINEBHEAG	69,700
F0301	OPEN SPACES - BORRIS	34,450
F0301	OPEN SPACES - HACKETSTOWN	
F0301	OPEN SPACES - LEIGHLINBRIDGE	34,500
F0301	OPEN SPACES - RATHVILLY	
F0301	OPEN SPACES - BALLON	
F0301	OPEN SPACES - MUINEBHEAG MD	
F0301	CARLOW TOWN PARK & OPEN SPACES	
H0702	CASUAL TRADING AREAS	11,300
	RELEVANT GROSS EXPENDITURE	1,210,950

Mr. Leonard addressed any questions raised by the members. He clarified the budget allocated to each job as listed and outlined, that under Section 102 (4A) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014 provides that it is a reserved function of the members of a municipal district to adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan.

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In this context, the members of the Municipal District may:

- Adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan as presented
- Amend and adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan as presented by re-allocating funding provided for that municipal district across the services
- Increase or decrease charges impacting on the overall level of funding available for the Draft budgetary Plan (GMA)

The members welcomed the increase in funding and adopted the Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) to include an amendment as follows:

- New heading to be added to the General Municipal Allocation
- This new heading to be called "Open Spaces Muinebheag MD"
- Extra allocated budgets from D0905 to H0702 (inclusive) to be transferred into this new heading "Open Spaces Muinebheag MD"
- Total of these extra allocated budgets amounts to €71,950

		Muinebheag Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2026	Muinebheag Municipal District Adopted Budgetary Plan 2026	Re-allocation of Budgets
A0101	MAINTENANCE OF LA HOUSING UNITS	321,100	321,100	0
B0405	LOCAL ROADS MTCE (LOCAL CONTRIB.)	358,950	358,950	0
D0603	COMMUNITY GRANTS	45,000	45,000	0
D0603	SPECIAL PROJECTS (MEMBERS)	50,000	50,000	0
D0603	MAYOR / CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS	1,500	1,500	0
D0903	TOWN TWINNING / DIASPORA	11,750	11,750	0
D0905	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	26,000	26,000	0
D0905	STREET SCAPES / SHOP FRONTS	18,000	15,000	-3,000
E0502	LITTER CONTROL INITIATIVES	17,100	13,500	-3,600
E0601	STREET CLEANING - CARLOW TOWN			0
E0601	STREET CLEANING - TULLOW	-	-	0
E0601	STREET CLEANING VILLAGES - TULLOW MD			0
E0601	STREET CLEANING - MUINEBHEAG	106,100	101,100	-5,000
E0601	STREET CLEANING VILLAGES - MUINEBHEAG MD	78,000	75,000	-3,000
F0103	CONTRIBUTION TO SWIMMING POOLS	27,500	25,000	-2,500
F0301	DUCKETTS GROVE AMENITY AREA			0
F0301	OAK PARK AMENITY AREA			0
F0301	TULLOW TOWN PARK			0
F0301	OPEN SPACES - TULLOW			0
F0301	OPEN SPACES - MUINEBHEAG	69,700	42,900	-26,800
F0301	OPEN SPACES - BORRIS	34,450	21,200	-13,250
F0301	OPEN SPACES - HACKETSTOWN			0
F0301	OPEN SPACES - LEIGHLINBRIDGE	34,500	21,200	-13,300
F0301	OPEN SPACES - RATHVILLY			0
F0301	OPEN SPACES - BALLON			0
F0301	OPEN SPACES - MUINEBHEAG MD		71,950	71,950
F0301	CARLOW TOWN PARK & OPEN SPACES			0
H0702	CASUAL TRADING AREAS	11,300	9,800	-1,500
	RELEVANT GROSS EXPENDITURE	1,210,950	1,210,950	-

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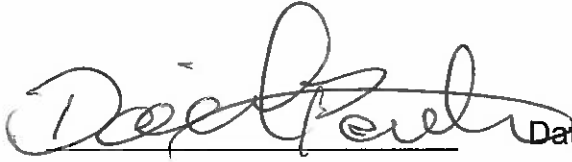
The Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 (General Municipal Allocation) for the Muinebheag Municipal District is €1,210,950 for 2026 as set out was;

Resolved on the proposal of Cllr. T. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. A. Gladney, followed by a show of hands that under Section 102 (4A) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government (reform) Act 2014 the members adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 as presented.

All agreed

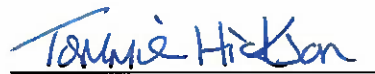
This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:

 Date: 3/12/25

Cllr. Daniel Pender
Cathaoirleach

Signed:

 Date: 3/12/25

Meetings Administrator