

**Minutes of the Budget meeting of Municipal District of Carlow held in Town Hall Chamber, Carlow on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 3.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor P. Doogue (Mayor)  
Councillor K. Murnane  
Councillor F. Phelan  
Councillor A. Wallace (Remote)  
Councillor A. Dalton (Remote)  
Councillor J. Cassin (Remote)  
Councillor F. Browne

**In Attendance:** Mr. C. O'Reilly, Chief Executive  
Mr. P. J. Leonard, Director of Finance  
Ms. P. O'Brien, Director of Service, Planning, Economic Development, Regeneration and Corporate Services  
Ms. F. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services  
Mr. K. Cullinane, A/Director of Services  
Mr. C. Madden, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. M. Griffin, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services  
Ms. A. Connolly, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

Mayor P. Doogue opened the meeting and welcomed all to the Budget meeting of the Municipal District of Carlow and invited Mr. PJ Leonard, Director of Finance, to present the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 – General Municipal Allocation. Mayor P. Doogue advised he would not take part in the discussion on Graiguecullen Swimming Pool and Community Games and excused himself from the meeting. Deputy Mayor F. Browne continued the business of the meeting.

**1.0 Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members**

**1.1 Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 – General Municipal Allocation**

Mr. PJ Leonard, Director of Finance, presented the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 GMA to the members for their consideration and outlined the procedures to be followed. The period directed by the Minister in relation to the 2026 Draft Budgetary Plan – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) is 1st October 2025 to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Mr. PJ Leonard advised members that following the decision by the Elected Members to increase the basic rate of LPT at +15% at the July Council meeting an additional €446,558 in funding has been ringfenced for the General Municipal Allocation. This has resulted in an increase of €211,490 for the Carlow Municipal District 2026.

Members welcomed this increase but noted that the street cleaning budget should be reduced but unfortunately due to the amount of waste, it is a costly and essential service. It was also suggested if a portion of funding could be ringfenced, at a later date, for Ballinakelly Woods, which has recently been acquired by the Native Woodland Trust. Mr. PJ Leonard answered all members queries.

		Carlow Municipal District Adopted Budgetary Plan 2026
A0101	MAINTENANCE OF LA HOUSING UNITS	663,000
B0405	LOCAL ROADS MTCE (LOCAL CONTRIB.)	88,050
<b>D0603</b>	<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS</b>	<b>63,000</b>
<b>D0603</b>	<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS (MEMBERS)</b>	<b>70,000</b>
D0603	MAYOR / CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS	1,500
D0903	TOWN TWINNING / DIASPORA	15,300
<b>D0905</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b>	<b>64,000</b>
D0905	STREET SCAPES / SHOP FRONTS	24,000
E0502	LITTER CONTROL INITIATIVES	21,090
E0601	STREET CLEANING - CARLOW TOWN	274,000
E0601	STREET CLEANING - TULLOW	-
E0601	STREET CLEANING VILLAGES - TULLOW MD	-
E0601	STREET CLEANING - MUINEBHEAG	-
E0601	STREET CLEANING VILLAGES - MUINEBHEAG MD	-
F0103	CONTRIBUTION TO SWIMMING POOLS	60,000
F0301	DUCKETTS GROVE AMENITY AREA	124,200
F0301	OAK PARK AMEMITY AREA	55,900
F0301	TULLOW TOWN PARK	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - TULLOW	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - MUINEBHEAG	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - BORRIS	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - HACKETSTOWN	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - LEIGHLINBRIDGE	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - RATHVILLY	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - BALLON	-
F0301	OPEN SPACES - MUINEBHEAG MD	-
F0301	CARLOW TOWN PARK & OPEN SPACES	345,200
H0702	CASUAL TRADING AREAS	-
<b>RELEVANT GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,869,240</b>

The Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 (General Municipal Allocation) for the Carlow Municipal District is €1,869,240 for 2026 as set out was;

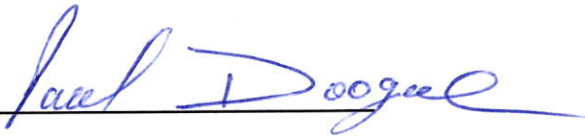
**Proposed by: Councillor K. Murnane**

**Seconded by: Councillor F. Phelan**

and agreed following a roll call vote

<i>Member of Carlow Municipal District</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Fintan Phelan	✓			
Paul Doogue				✓
Fergal Browne	✓			
John Cassin			✓	
Ken Murnane	✓			
Adrienne Wallace		✓		
Andrea Dalton	✓			

There being no other business the Deputy Mayor F. Browne concluded the meeting.

Signed:   
Mayor of Municipal District of Carlow

Dated: 27-11-2025