

**Minutes of Greystones Municipal District Draft Budget Plan Meeting, held in Civic Offices, Greystones on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor G. McLoughlin, Cathaoirleach  
Councillors T. Fortune, N. Lawless, D. Mitchell, G. Walsh & J. Whitmore

**Also Present:** Mr. M. Nicholson, Municipal District Manager  
Ms. M. Porter, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, District Engineer  
Ms. K. Coughlan, Meetings Secretary

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At the outset, the District Administrator circulated and read a lengthy report from the County Council Head of Finance that outlined the basis for allocation of funding across the Municipal Districts and the various factors that had to be taken into account in doing so.

A copy of the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Greystones Municipal District had been circulated to the members with the agenda, together with a table showing the overall General Municipal Allocation across the five Municipal Districts and a letter from the Chief Executive outlining the procedures.

The District Administrator stated that the main budget for the municipal district would be included in the Schedule of Works that would be available early in the New Year and that the Draft Budget Plan under consideration at this meeting mainly covered discretionary expenditure. She pointed out that the figures in the Draft Budgetary Plan were based on amounts provided in the current year and she stated that the full amounts to be spent in the district would become clear when the Schedule of Works was drawn up. She pointed out that the members could decide how the figures were spent but could not change the total amount.

The District Administrator also referred to an email that had been circulated to the members from the Housing Section's Senior Engineer seeking funding for the installation of central heating in Council houses in the district.

Members were critical of the differences in the allocations for the five districts and the procedures for adopting the budget, and the fact that they had no real information about the total budget for the area. They were not happy that allocations for the Greystones MD were less than those in other MDs. They stated that Local Property Tax promised better services locally but that this had not materialised and in fact the Council had less money now than ever. They were critical of the fact that some Council houses had no central heating installed and that only emergency repairs could be carried out to houses because the budgets provided were not adequate.

Following further discussion the members voted on the resolution to adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan for Greystones Municipal District for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Councillor T. Fortune abstained. Councillors N. Lawless, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell and G. Walsh voted in favour and Councillor J. Whitmore voted against.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meetings Administrator

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_