

**Minutes of Meeting of Castlecomer Municipal District Budget Meeting held on Friday 27th
October, 2017 at 3.45p.m. in Meeting Room No. 2.**

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Brennan.

Present: Cllrs. M. McCarthy, M. H. Cavanagh, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Shortall.

Apologies: Cllr. P. Millea.

In attendance: M. Prendiville Head of Finance, P. Beubry Senior Executive Engineer and M. Delahunty Senior Executive Officer.

Consideration of Draft Budget Plan of 2018.

Martin Prendiville circulated his report on the Draft Budget Plan for 2018. The report outlined the legislative base for the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), the allocation of €40,000 in respect of the Castlecomer Municipal District, the time period for consideration and the process undertaken to date with regards to the consideration of the current rate of property tax.

Members noted the reduction of €10,000 in the GMA as compared to previous years.

The Head of Finance outlined the difficult challenges in bridging the gap between proposed income and expenditure. He informed members that all expenditure and income lines are being examined at present to see how they gap can be bridged. He responded to members questions and indicated his availability to meet members to go through the budget process to clarify any aspects.

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick objected to the proposed allocation.

All members expressed their disappointment with the proposed reduction from €50,000 to €40,000.

Following further discussions it was:

Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh,

Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and

Resolved: "That the Draft Budget Plan for 2018 for the Municipal District of Castlecomer, as circulated, be adopted".

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____