

**Minutes of Athy Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting
held at 10.00 am on Monday, 17 October 2016
in the Athy Municipal District Office, Rathstewart, Athy, Co. Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor A Breslin (Cathaoirleach), Councillors M Dalton, T Redmond and M Wall.

Officials: Ms E Hanlon (Head of Finance), F Millane (Financial Accountant), Mr D O'Flaherty (District Engineer), Ms A M Gough (Meetings Administrator) and Ms E Price (Secretary).

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Councillor Breslin welcomed Ms Hanlon, Head of Finance to the meeting.

The members considered the financial reports circulated by the Head of Finance. Ms Hanlon outlined to the members that in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001(as amended) and the Local Government Financial and Audit Regulations 2014, the draft budgetary plan for the Athy Municipal District had been circulated to the members.

Ms Hanlon stated that the 2017 draft budgetary plan was set out in the same format as in previous years. The local property tax retained and available for the members to agree the spend of for 2017 is €645,389. Ms Hanlon requested that the allocation of this amount be agreed and minuted at a municipal district meeting, as soon as possible and in any case before the end of December 2016 to allow the various sections to plan and administer the associated works in 2017. Ms Hanlon advised that in order to allow the members to have time to agree the allocation of the retained local property tax for 2017, the figure will be shown in Division H – Subservice H0909 – General Municipal Allocation of the draft Revenue Budget.

In response to a query from Councillor Redmond in relation to the provision of sponsored litter bins, Ms Hanlon confirmed that litter bins are the responsibility for the Environment Section and that the amount allocated in the budget is to cover the cost of the collection of litter bins which are currently in place.

Responding to a further query from Councillor Redmond about allocating money towards the museum, Ms Hanlon advised that it is possible to allocate funding from Local Property Tax (LPT) funds.

Acknowledging previous concerns raised by most municipal districts in relation to funding for Tidy Towns Committees, Ms Millane advised the members that an extra €25,000 had been allocated to the Tidy Towns grants.

In response to a query from Councillor Redmond in relation to rates collection in the municipal district, Ms Hanlon advised that the collection of rates is not municipal district specific, however she advised that information in relation to the collection of rates is contained in the monthly Management Report to full council.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Dalton, seconded by Councillor Breslin and agreed by all members that the Athy Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan be adopted.

The meeting concluded.