

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CORK ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2019 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN FOR THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT.**

**Present:** Councillors P. O’Sullivan, C. Rasmussen, S. O’Connor, A. O’Connor and S. Sheppard.

**Officials Present:** Mr. S. O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer  
Ms. C. McDonnell, Cork County Council

**1. DRAFT BUDGET PLAN:**

P. Lynch referred to the Draft Budget Plan which had been circulated to the Members and stated that the Plan sets out the level of funding which is expected to be assigned to the Municipal District in respect of the services which come within the remit of the Municipal District.

The meeting of the Municipal District is part of the statutory Budget process, with final decisions in relation to the Budget to be made at the statutory Annual Budget meeting of Cork County Council. The Chief Executive is required to consider the views of the Municipal District members when preparing the final Draft Budget which would be presented to full Council at the statutory budget meeting.

Cllr. C. Rasmussen asked if they were the first Municipal District to meet.

Cllr. S. Sheppard asked if Cobh M.D. should defer a decision on the Draft Budget Plan until other Municipal Districts had held their meeting as in the past Municipal Districts who had rejected the draft budget had acquired a budget increase.

S. O’Callaghan stated that the budget was different back in 2014 when the Municipal Districts were first formed as it was all new and added that the function for today’s meeting was to either accept or reject the draft budget.

P. Lynch stated that there was a proposed reduction to the non pay budget for Litter Control, Street Cleaning and Burial Grounds as a result of the City Council boundary extension.

P. Lynch explained that the pay budget for school wardens and burial grounds would also be reduced as staff had transferred to the City Council.

P. Lynch stated that the budget for playgrounds was reduced as the playground in John O’Callaghan Park had transferred to the City Council.

P. Lynch said that there was a minor increase in the pay budget due to agreed staff pay rises in 2020.

The budget for Leisure Facilities Operation has increased to facilitate the payment of Rates for the Cobh Leisure Centre to Cork County Council.

While John O'Callaghan Park has transferred to the City Council, the non-pay budget for Parks and Open Spaces has increased to make provision for Harper's Island and Haulbowline.

P. Lynch explained that while the General Municipal Allocation and Town Development Fund have decreased, it represents an increase in real terms as Glanmire has transferred to the city.

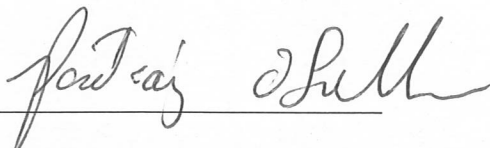
P. Lynch confirmed that the Village Enhancement Fund had also increased.

P. Lynch told the Members that while Glanmire has now transferred to the City Council, Cobh M. D. staff members have not decreased. Cllr. C. Rasmussen welcomed the increase in real terms.

Cllr. A. Barry stated that the C.P.G had asked where the Village Enhancement Fund could be spent and if it may be extended to cover areas other than villages. It was agreed to defer the decision on where to spend the fund until such time as this issue was clarified.

On the proposal of Cllr. P. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. A. Barry, it was agreed to accept the Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan as presented.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Municipal District Officer.