

**Minutes of the Budget Meeting of Piltown Municipal District held on
Tuesday, 31st October, 2023 at 10am via Microsoft Teams**

Present: Cllr Ger Frisby, Cathaoirleach
Cllrs P. Dunphy, F. Doherty, T. Breathnach and E. Aylward
In attendance: M. Prendiville, Head of Finance, M. Phelan, Meetings Administrator.
Apologies: S. McKeown, Director of Services and S. Cullen, Area Engineer

1. Draft Budget Plan 2024 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for Municipal District of Piltown

Cllr Frisby welcomed all to the Piltown MD Budget Meeting and invited Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance to commence his presentation.

M. Prendiville outlined the timelines and budgetary process, which he confirmed is well underway and that the Statutory Budget meeting for the full Council is scheduled for 24th November. He circulated a report and outlined the budget context, stating that there are significant funding challenges to be addressed. During discussion, the following was noted:-

- Total estimated budget expenditure for 2024 is €111.9m, an increase of €13.2m on the 2023 budget.
- Significant funding challenges were outlined including the impact of inflation on day to day spending and the capital programme.
- Decision of Council to maintain the amendment to the LPT base rate which has resulted in extra Income of €1.14m for 2024.
- No increase in commercial rates, ARV assumed in the current draft of the Budget.
- Mr. Prendiville confirmed that the adoption of the draft budget plan 2024 by the municipal district members is conditional on further discussion by the plenary Council at the statutory budget meeting on November 24th. He further confirmed this is in line with the process for all municipal districts.

Cllr G. Frisby proposed, Cllr P. Dunphy seconded, and all agreed the adoption of the €492k discretionary road budget and €50k discretionary general budget for Piltown MD, noting that the discretionary general budget is subject to funding being available in the Council budget.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Dated: 6/12/23