

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2015, AT 12 NOON.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor M. Collins, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Browne, Foley, Galvin, Scanlan and Sheahan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Services (Mr. G. Daly), Operations Manager, West and South Division (Mr. B. Kennedy), Acting Head of Finance (Mr. S. Coughlan), Senior Executive Engineer, West and South Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Senior Staff Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly).

**1. Draft Budgetary Plan 2016**

Circulated, Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 from the Acting Head of Finance, which set out the background and legal provisions relating to the Draft Budgetary Plan along with details of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2016 for the Municipal District of Newcastle West in the total sum of €275,000.

A presentation was given by the Acting Head of Finance under the following headings:

- GMA.
- Purpose of Draft Budgetary Plan.
- How is the GMA Considered?
- How is the GMA Allocated.
- GMA Guidelines.
- Schedule of Municipal Works.
- GMA 2015 + 2016.

He outlined the figures as set out in the Report and informed Members that the Draft Budgetary Plan 2016 for the Municipal District had been discussed during the workshop and if approved by the Members would go on for inclusion in the main budget for the Council.

He informed the Members that a total of €1.5m had been allocated by the Chief Executive to the General Municipal Allocation with €275,000 of this assigned to the Municipal District of Newcastle West as follows:

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| • Local Roads                                 | €105,000 |
| • Tourism Development, Recreation and Amenity | €10,000  |
| • Parks, Pitches and Playgrounds              | €40,000  |
| • Community Initiatives                       | €20,000  |
| • Special Projects                            | €100,000 |

Members thanked the Acting Head of Finance for his presentation.

Mixed views were expressed by Members regarding the distribution of the Special Projects Allocation. Following discussion the Members agreed that a system should be put in place whereby clear guidelines would be provided for the allocation of funds under Special Projects.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;  
Seconded by Councillor Browne;  
And Resolved:

“That the Budgetary Plan for Municipal District of Newcastle West for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016, as presented, in the total sum of €275,000 be adopted in accordance with Section 102 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended”.

This concluded the Meeting.

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

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