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, 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2021, AT 11.00 AM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor L. Galvin, Cathaoirleach.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Foley, Ruddle, and Scanlan.

## **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor J. Sheahan.

## **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Deputy Chief Executive (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Community Development Directorate (Mr. G. Daly), Head of Communications, Marketing (Ms. L. Ryan), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Sheehan), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. F. Hennessy), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. C. O'Carroll).

## 1. Draft Budgetary Plan 2022

Circulated, report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, from the Deputy Chief Executive, which sets out the background and legal provisions relating to the Draft Budgetary Plan, along with details of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2022 for the Municipal District of Newcastle West in the total sum of €270,000.

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined the figures as set out in the report and informed Members that the Draft Budgetary Plan 2022 for the Municipal District. If approved by the Members, the Draft Budgetary Plan would go on for inclusion in the main budget of the Council.

He also informed the Members that a total of €1,403,000 had been allocated to the General Municipal Allocation with €270,000 of this assigned to the Municipal District of Newcastle West as follows:

| Svc | General Municipal Allocation – 2020    |   | Newcastle West Municipal District |  |
|-----|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| B04 | Local Roads                            |   | 95,000                            |  |
| D05 | Tourism Development Recreation Amenity | & | 10,000                            |  |

| F04   | Community Initiatives                | 20,000  |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------|
|       | Special Projects – LA Infrastructure | 100,000 |
|       | Special Projects – LPT               | 45,000  |
| Total | General Municipal Allocation         | 270,000 |

The Deputy Chief Executive, noted that the Special Projects – LA Infrastructure, in the sum of €100,000, and Special Projects – LPT, the sum of €45,000 was not assigned to any service category. The Members agreed to assign these to group D05 Tourism Development, Recreation and Amenity, in order to allow for flexibility when allocating these funds as had been done in previous years.

Proposed by: Councillor Ruddle Seconded by: Councillor Foley

This concluded the Meeting.

And Resolved:

"That the Budgetary Plan for Municipal District of Newcastle West for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, in the total sum of €270,000 and including the amendment to move the amount of €100,000 from Special Projects – LA Infrastructure and the amount of €45,000 – Special Projects – LPT to D05 Tourism Development, Recreation and Amenity, be adopted in accordance with Section 102 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

The Members also noted that due to Covid 19 restrictions some businesses may not have reopened and those that have re-opened may find it difficult to meet their rates obligations. These are encouraged to make contact with the Council's Rates Department. Additional funding for Christmas Lights for towns within the District was also raised and the possibility of holding a Christmas Market. The development of an Industrial Park for Newcastle West was also discussed. The need for a sound system for the Newcastle West Conference room was also noted.

| Signed: | Cathaoirleach |  |  |  |  |
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| Dated:  |               |  |  |  |  |