

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference Celtic Conferences

Name of Conference Budget 25

Location of Conference McKenzie Hotel, Louth

Date of Conference 11<sup>th</sup> Oct to 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024

Summary of Conference Content

As Budget 25 was announced recently  
this conference was to update people  
on the changes that will come into  
effect and which changes will happen  
immediately + which ones will happen in  
Jan 25. I found the conference very  
informative as cllrs get many queries  
on social welfare, health, Housing & education  
etc.

Signature: Catherine Slattery

Print Name: Catherine Slattery

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**Organiser of Conference Celtic Conferences**

**Name of Conference: A Practical Guide to Budget**

**Location of Conference Carlingford Co Louth**

**Date of Conference 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Summary of Conference Content**

**Briefing on budget 2025 covering the primary changes in taxation including USC rates, personal tax bands and the overall Social Protection budget.**

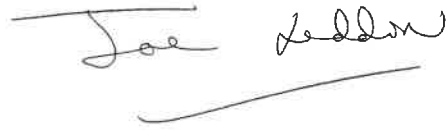
**Overview on the Government cost of living supports to include long term social welfare and those on disability lump sum payment schedules and eligibility guidelines.**

**Overview on the new Child Benefit rates, Xmas bonus and Fuel allowance payments. Briefing on the employment programmes and also overview on the various supports to help offset energy costs. Separate briefing on the main taxation changes together with presentation on new vacant homes tax, and carbon tax changes. Presentation also on the credit guarantee scheme, small firms investment efficiency scheme and additional supports for agri sector.**

**Other areas included housing and capital allocations for social and affordable houses, supports for homeless services and the main regeneration schemes. Information also on Health budgets, Environment, Justice, Education and Transport in terms of main changes included as part of the new budget.**

**Details proposed timelines on double social welfare payments to include Childrens allowance also provided. Overview on Finance bill and the process of legislative implementation.**

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Leddin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the "Signature:" label. Below the signature, there is a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line.

Print Name: \_\_Joe Leddin

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Name of Conference A Practical Guide to Budget 2025

Location of Conference McKevitt's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

Date of Conference 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

Summary of Conference Content

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REPORT ON MY ATTENDANCE AT CELTIC CONFERENCE IN  
CARLINGFORD CO LOUTH. 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> OCT 24 TITLE  
BUDGET 2025.

THE BUDGET WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT 24 WITH  
AN OVERALL PACKAGE OF €10.5 BILLION. THIS IS MADE  
UP OF A PACKAGE OF ONE OFF MEASURES WORTH  
€2-BILLION.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE €6.9 BILLION AND ADDITIONAL  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OF €1.6 BILLION AND PERMANENT  
TAX CHANGES OF €1.6 BILLION FOR 2025



Signed  
Francis Foley

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**Name of Conference : A Practical Guide to Budget 2025**

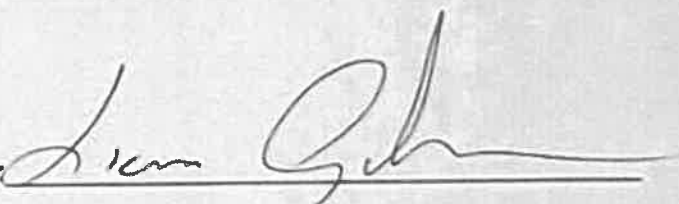
**Location of Conference : McKeivitt's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth**

**Date of Conference : Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct., Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. & Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024**

**Summary of Conference Content :**

We were taken on a comprehensive journey through the many announcements made as part of Budget 2025. The manner in which these changes will affect the lives and pay packets of our constituents was made very clear both in terms of extra payments and benefits as well as changes to the tax structure. The deployment of extra resources in the areas of health, education, housing etc was discussed at length as were the benefits to the public accruing from same. The finer details of how budgetary changes are implemented were outlined as was the process by which the announced measures feed into the Finance Bill and how alterations may be required prior to the implementation of same.

**Signature:**



**Print Name: LIAM GALVIN**

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Organiser of Conference CELTIC CONFERENCES

Name of Conference BUDGET 2025

Location of Conference CARLINGFORD CO DUBLIN

Date of Conference 11/13 OCT 2024

## Summary of Conference Content

PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL WELFARE PROTECTION INCLUDED  
LIVING ALONE ALLOWANCE, FUEL ALLOWANCE, WORKING FAMILY PAYMENTS  
CHILD BENEFIT, DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, DOMICILIARY CARE ALLOWANCE  
NEWBORN BIRTH GRANT, WORKING FAMILY PAYMENT  
PRESENTATION ON FREE TRAVEL SCHEMES, FUEL ALLOWANCE,  
PERSON AUTO ENROLMENT  
PRESENTATION ON PERSONAL TAX CREDITS, EMPLOYER  
TAX CREDITS, EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, BLIND  
TAX CREDIT, DEPENDANT RELATIVE CREDIT, HOME  
CARE CREDIT, INCAPACITATED CHILD CREDIT  
PRESENTATION ON VEC, CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS TAX  
VACANT HOME TAX  
PRESENTATION ON SUPPORTS FOR FARMERS  
AUDIO VISUAL SECTOR, EDUCATION & HOUSING

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Print Name: KIERAN O'HANLON

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Date of Conference 11/12/13 Oct 2024

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The Irish Government's budget for 2025 is set to have a significant focus on addressing the country's ongoing housing crisis. With housing prices and rents continuing to rise, straining the budgets of many families and individuals, the 2025 budget will dedicate substantial resources towards increasing the supply of affordable homes and supporting first-time buyers. This will include funding for the construction of tens of thousands of new social and affordable housing units, as well as programs to incentivize private developers to build more moderately priced properties. Overall, the 2025 Irish budget represents a concerted, multi-pronged effort to tackle the nation's chronic housing challenges and ensure that all citizens have access to safe, decent and affordable places to live.

Signature: Fergus Kilcayne

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