

**Minutes of West Clare Municipal District Budget Meeting held on Thursday 3rd
November, 2022 at 10am in the Council Chamber, Ennis, Co. Clare and online**

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. Shane Talty

I Láthair:

Cllr. Shane Talty, Cllr. Bill Chambers, Cllr PJ Kelly, Cllr. Gabriel Keating, Cllr. Joe Killeen, Cllr. Cillian Murphy (online), Cllr. Joe Garrihy (online), Cllr. Liam Grant (online)

Apologies : Cllr. Ian Lynch

Officials present:

Mr. Pat Dowling, Chief Executive

Ms. Noleen Fitzgerald, Head of Finance

Ms. Trina Rynne, Financial Accountant, Finance

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Area Co-Coordinator & Director of Service

Mr. John O'Malley, A/Senior Executive Officer & Meetings Administrator, West Clare Municipal District

Ms. Carmel Carey, Staff Officer, West Clare Municipal District

The Cathaoirleach convened the meeting which was called to decide on a single item agenda – The allocation of the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) for 2023.

The Head of Finance, Ms. Noeleen Fitzgerald, outlined the statutory process in relation to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), which is defined as the discretionary funding available to the municipal district members for allocation in the draft budgetary plan.


Ms. Fitzgerald referred to the document that was circulated to the members informing them that the proposed GMA funding for the West Clare Municipal District for 2023 is €409,179. She informed that they are currently working through the budgetary process with a draft budget workshop planned for 15th November, 2022.

Mr. Dowling outlined the many challenges faced by the Council in preparing the 2023 Budget given worldwide events and that next year would be a difficult year.

A general discussion was had with regard to finance and the options available to the Council to generate new revenue streams.

At the end of the meeting Cllr. Garrihy proposed that the West Clare Municipal District allocation for 2023 would be adopted and this was seconded by Cllr. Chambers.

Signed:


Cllr. Ian Lynch
Leas Cathaoirleach.

Signed:


John O'Malley,
Meetings Administrator.

Dated this 17th January 2023.