

Draft Budget Meeting of Municipal District of Dundalk – October 2018

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Dundalk held in the County Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday, 15th October 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Conor Keelan

Members: Councillors: M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, J. McGahon, R. O'Murchu, P. Savage, A. Watters, M. Yore

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Bernadette Woods, FCCA, Head of Finance
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillors E. Coffey, T. Sharkey

Minute No. 87/18

Draft Council Budget for 2019

The Chief Executive outlined the position in relation to the budget for 2019 and informed the members that cuts of over €1,000,000 were required in relation to discretionary spending in order to present the members with a balanced budget. She informed the members that she was considering recommending municipal discretionary budgets based on the number of members in each district at €2,000 per member which would result in a budget of €26,000 for Dundalk municipal district.

Members expressed concern at the financial position of the Council and its impact on services. The potential impact of the current land loans changing to include capital repayments along with interest repayments was raised along with the need to know where the savings that would be made by the reduction in the discretionary budget would be spent.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by M. Butler that the members vote to accept €26,000 as the discretionary municipal budget for 2019.

A roll call vote followed:

For (3): Cllrs. C. Keelan, P. Savage, M. Yore

Against (8): Cllrs. M. Butler, A. Campbell, E. Corrigan, M. Dearey, M. Doyle, J. McGahon, R. Ó Murchú, A. Watters

Absent (2): Cllrs. E. Coffey, T. Sharkey

The proposal fell.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Meeting Administrator: _____