

MINUTES OF 2011 BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT:	An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the chair.
NORTH EAST:	Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Tynan.
NORTH CENTRAL:	Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
NORTH WEST:	Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald.
SOUTH EAST:	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
SOUTH CENTRAL:	Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST:	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.

ALSO PRESENT:	Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise. Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, RAC Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs. Mr. J. Hallahan, Management Accountant, Finance Dept. Mr. B. O'Hare, Financial Accountant, Finance Dept. Mr. D. Roche, Head of Internal Audit Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Mr. G. McCarthy, Administrative Officer, Finance Dept. Ms. E. Healy, Staff Officer, Finance Dept. Mr. K. O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Dept.
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An tArdmhéara M. O'Connell recited the opening prayer. He then welcomed Members, Officials, members of the public and members of the press, and outlined the proposed format for the meeting.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

Deborah Hegarty, Law Agent, on the passing of her father Mr. G. Hegarty
The Downey Family on the death of Aoife Downey
The O'Keeffe Family on the death of Ms. Betty O'Keeffe
Robert Barry & family on the death of his mother

2. **SEVERE WEATHER**

The report of the City Manager dated 20th December 2010, in relation to Severe Weather Update was circulated.

The City Manager responded to queries from the Members in relation to issues arising since the start of the cold spell.

3. **BUDGET 2011**

The City Manager provided a brief background and gave an outline of the 2011 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. A detailed consideration of Service Divisions A – H commenced with the City Manager responding to questions and issues raised by Councillors.

3.1 **SERVICE DIVISION A**

- 3.1.1 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould.

‘That €196,700 be added to Housing Maintenance (A0101) by reducing Lord Mayor/Deputy Lord Mayor Allowances (H0902) by €66,000 and Expenses of Members (H0904) by €145,700.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (21)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.1.2 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division A was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (9)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division A approved.

3.2 **SERVICE DIVISION B**

- 3.2.1 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir M. Finn and seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

‘That €31,000 be added to Local Roads General Maintenance Works (B0405) by reducing Expenses of Members (H0904) by €31,000.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien,
D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins,
B. Bermingham, H. Cremin (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn,
An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald,
L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston,
E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons (18)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.2.2 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir T. Gould and seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins.

‘That €190,000 be added to Traffic Management (B0601) by reducing Lord Mayor/Deputy Lord Mayor Allowances (H0902) by €44,300 and Expenses of Members (H0904) by €145,700.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould,
J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn,
F. Kerins, H. Cremin (9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn,
An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill,
L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston,
E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern,
B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (20)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.2.3 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir M. Barry and seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan.

‘That €40,000 be added to Traffic Management (B0601) by reducing Lord Mayor/Deputy Lord Mayor Allowances (H0902) by €40,000.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (21)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.2.4 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division B was proposed by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (9)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division B approved.

3.3 **SERVICE DIVISION C**

- 3.3.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division C was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (22)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (7)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division C approved.

3.4 **SERVICE DIVISION D**

- 3.4.1 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn.

‘That Tourism Promotion (D0501) be reduced by €30,000 and that Contributions to Other Bodies Arts Programme (F0502) be increased by €30,000.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (20)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.4.2 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn.

‘That Heritage Services (D1101) be increased by €35,000 by reducing Contributions Library Services Operations (F0201) by €35,000.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, M. Finn (2)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons (26)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.4.3 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the budget for Service Division D was unanimously approved.

3.5 **SERVICE DIVISION E**

- 3.5.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division E was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (8)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division E approved.

3.6 **SERVICE DIVISION F**

- 3.6.1 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien and seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins.

‘That €145,700 be used to fund Sports Capital Grants (F0401) by reducing Expenses of Members (H0904) by €145,700.’

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, D. Cahill, C. O'Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons (18)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.6.2 The following motion was proposed by Comhairleoir M. Finn and seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

‘That €100,000 be used to fund Sports Capital Grants (F0401) by reducing Expenses of Members (H0904) by €100,000.’

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, D. Cahill, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons (18)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

- 3.6.3 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division F was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, D. Cahill, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (10)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division F approved.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy An Chomhairle unanimously approved the suspension of Standing Orders beyond 8.00 p.m. to continue the business of the meeting.

3.7 SERVICE DIVISION G

The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division G was proposed by Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttmer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons (27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry (1)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division G approved.

3.8 SERVICE DIVISION H

3.8.1 The approval of the Draft Budget for Service Division H was proposed by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields.

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttmer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (9)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the budget for Service Division H approved.

This concluded the approval of the draft budgets for the individual Service Divisions, following which the meeting proceeded to deal with the issue of adopting Statutory Resolutions.

3.9 ADOPTION OF BUDGET

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a vote was called on whether to adopt the following resolution;

‘That the Draft Cork City Council Budget as presented for the local financial year ending 31st December 2011 as set forth in Tables A to F thereof be and is hereby adopted’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (8)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the resolution adopted.

3.10 **DETERMINATION OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to adopt the following resolution;

‘That in accordance with the Budget as so adopted and as set forth in Tables A to F thereof, the general annual rate on valuation set forth in Table A thereof is hereby determined to be €74.05’

3.11. **APPROVAL OF OVEREXPENDITURES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, a vote was called on whether to adopt the following resolution;

‘In accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 that the Council hereby approves the over-expenditure for 2010 as outlined.’

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, C. O’Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (8)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the resolution adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell paid tribute to the Members of Council for dealing with Budget 2011 in an efficient manner. He also thanked the Members of the Corporate Policy Group, the City Manager, the Head of Finance and the staff for their support in the preparation of Budget 2011.