

**Minutes of Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council held in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.**

**Members Present:** Councillor Armstrong–McGuire, Finola  
Councillor Barry, Brendan  
Councillor Dolan, Frank  
Councillor Gerry Dolan  
Councillor Fallon, Pádraig  
Councillor Ellis, Caillán  
Councillor Guckian, Des  
Councillor Guckian, Sinead  
Councillor Gurn, Felim  
Councillor Logan, Seadhna  
Councillor McCartin, John  
Councillor McDermott, Sean  
Councillor McGowan, Sean  
Councillor Paddy O'Rourke  
Councillor Stenson, Enda  
Councillor Warnock, Justin

And Councillor Mary Bohan, Leas Cathaoirleach presiding

**Apologies:** Councillor Caroline Mulvey

**Officials Present:** Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive  
Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services  
Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services, Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation  
Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance  
Mr. Bernard Greene, Senior Planner  
Mr. Shay O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure  
Mr. Billy Lowe, Senior Engineer, Water  
Mr. Francis Gaffney, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Carol Mulvihill, Financial Management Accountant  
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Terry McGovern, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Michael Gunning, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Ann Warnock, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Sinead Flynn, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Kieran Brett, Senior Staff Officer  
Ms. Kathleen McGovern Ellis, Assistant Staff Officer

At the outset of the meeting the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Bohan extended a vote of congratulations to members of the Fire Service who recently received Long Service Awards: Mr. Finian Joyce, Chief Fire Officer, Mr. John Conway, Station Officer, Ballinamore, Mr. Michael Duignan, Firefighter, Carrick-on-Shannon and Mr. Michael Quinn, Firefighter, Mohill.

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**24/11/2016 Votes of Sympathy**

The Members extended a vote of sympathy to the following:

- The Dunne Family, Summerhill Court, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on the death of Mr. Greg Dunne.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Bohan invited the Chief Executive to give an overview of the Draft Budget for 2017 as presented to the Members.

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive referred to the Draft Budget for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 and to his report dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 as circulated to each Member. A copy of the Budget document as circulated to the Members appears as **Appendix 1** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Mr. Curran outlined that the Draft Budget for 2017 provides for Revenue Expenditure of €33,077,237, including the Local Property Tax allocation of €8,956,315 which includes Pension Related Deductions in the revised LPT baseline. This reflects the upcoming change in 2017, whereby pension related deductions currently retained by Local authorities as an income stream, will now be remitted directly to the Exchequer. Mr Curran advised that the PEACE Plan had been approved earlier this week subject to a number of conditions and will progress in 2017.

Mr. Curran outlined that three Municipal Districts had adopted the General Municipal Allocations for inclusion in the 2017 Draft Budget and this total allocation has been taken into account within the relevant service divisions. He advised that the Roads Budget will also be brought to the Municipal Districts in February, 2017. Mr. Curran acknowledged the ongoing support of the business community and their important contribution toward the funding of essential services throughout the county. He stated that that there has been no increase in the Annual Rate on Valuation since 2008 and he outlined that this will be the 9<sup>th</sup> year in which no increase in the annual rate of valuation has been implemented.

Mr. Curran advised that in order to ensure that a balanced budget is presented to the Members and to maintain the financial stability of Council finances, the Council will continue to adopt a prudent approach to expenditure. He advised that the financial resources available to the local authority to fund service provision is limited, however, he referred to a number of existing and positive actions included in the Budget for 2017:

- Major capital projects in North Leitrim to include the re-alignment of the N16, the upgrade of the North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme and the proposed provision of a new Fire Station in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.
- Improvement works under the Town and Village Enhancement Scheme, the CLAR Scheme, REDZ and works under the Rural Recreation Programme.
- Continued development of the Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Programme (USEFE).
- The development of smarter energy awareness models of best practice, under the SECURE Smarter Energy Communities Project.
- The development of a new sectoral stake in Ireland West Airport.
- The provision of 7 additional social housing units at Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.
- The ongoing implementation of the Heritage Programme including the preparation of a new Heritage Plan in 2017.
- Introduction of a new Library Management System throughout the county.
- Implementation of the County Leitrim Peace IV Partnership in 2017.
- Implementation of new Leader Programme in Partnership with Leitrim Development Company, under the auspices of Leitrim LCDC.
- Diaspora Strategy 2017

- Multi-annual Rural Water Programme 2016/2018.
- Continuing focus on Broadband improvement and upgrade.

Mr. Curran then invited Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance to introduce Budget 2017.

Mr. Dwyer gave a detailed overview of the budgetary process and the structure of the Budget document. A copy of the presentation as delivered, and as circulated to the Members, appears as **Appendix 2** to the Minutes of this Meeting in the Minute Book.

Mr. Vincent Dwyer outlined that the difference of €900,000 in Reconciliation Budget 2016 of €32.2 million v Budget 2017 of €33.1 million is accounted for by the following:-

- Insurance Premium Increases
- Lansdowne Road Pay Agreement.
- Local Enterprise Office
- Housing and Building Programme 2017

The Cathaoirelach, Councillor Mary Bohan thanked Mr Dwyer for his presentation and invited any questions from the Members and the following items were raised:

- Councillor Felim Gurn queried if Wind Turbines were liable to pay commercial rates to the local authority.

Mr. Curran advised that there is a liability of €12,000 per annum for commercial rates for wind turbines.

- Councillor Des Guckian queried how many planning applications for domestic dwellings were processed by the Planning Department in 2016?

Mr. Joseph Gilhooly advised that a total of 145 valid planning applications were received to date in 2016, 23 of the 145 applications lodged related to commercial developments.

- Councillor Pdraig Fallon queried if there is any provision available to expedite the Global Re-evaluation of commercial rates currently in progress by the Valuation Office.

Mr. Vincent Dwyer advised that the local authority have no direct role in this regard and that it is anticipated that the Valuation Office will be notifying all rate payers of their revised revaluations in September, 2017.

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Bohan supported Councillor Pdraig Fallon's comments and she proposed that a letter issue to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform requesting that the Re-evaluation process be prioritised for completion at the earliest possible date.

- Councillor Sinead Guckian expressed her concern in relation to the over-view of income reductions for the local authority for the provision of essential local authority services. She commended the staff for preparing a balanced budget. Councillor Guckian outlined her concern in relation to the loss of an allocation of €65,000 to support the LEO Office which now has to be funded from local authority own resources and the financial impact that may result from the Global Revaluation process. Councillor Guckian also expressed her disappointment that there is no budgetary provision provided in 2017 to fund projects related to a Decade of Centenary Celebrations. She commended the 1916 Centenary Committee for their work in organising the Events relating to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

commemoration of 1916. Councillor Guckian concluded by stating that the impact of Brexit may also have other negative impacts in other areas e.g. funding for Peace IV etc.

- Councillor Justin Warnock queried if the Council receive any direct income from tourists that travel to Leitrim for boating holidays. He also expressed his disappointment that no budgetary provision has been provided to fund the cost of providing bus shelters in a number of locations in North Leitrim.

Councillor Mary Bohan, Councillor John McCartin and Councillor Sean McGowan expressed their concern in relation to Councillor Warnock's comments with regard to imposing levies on the boating industry in the county. They stated that the county is very reliant on tourism and that the sector is an important economic driver for the county.

- Councillor Brendan Barry welcomed the Council's decision to appoint eight temporary General Operatives and he commended the work carried out by the employees over this period. He queried if the Council will be in a position to create any permanent roles.
- Councillor Seadhna Logan requested clarification in relation to how an increase in insurance costs has come about.
- Councillor Sean McGowan also referred to the levying of commercial rates and he proposed that the calculation of commercial rates for business should have regard to the actual turn-over of the business.
- Councillor Mary Bohan supported Councillor McGowan's comments and she also expressed her concern in relation to the manner in which a number of rate payers have been dealt with. She outlined that a number of business owners had received letters from the Council requesting that they discharge their arrears within 10 days and they were also advised that failure to do so would result in the Council initiating legal proceedings to recover the debt. Councillor Bohan stated that this procedure was uncalled for and had caused undue distress to the parties concerned particularly where repayment agreements were already in place.
- Councillor Brendan Barry supported Councillor Mary Bohan.

Mr. Frank Curran responded as follows:

- After the revaluation process has concluded the overall amount of rates will be the same for the county. He outlined therefore that following the process a number of businesses will benefit by having a reduction in their commercial rate liability while on the other hand a number of businesses will have an increase in their commercial rate liability.
- With regard to insurance premiums there has been an increase across the board for all sectors.
- The boating industry is of critical importance to the county to attract visitors and holiday makers to the county. He outlined that while there is no direct financial income arising to the local authority from the sector that significant income is generated from the sector which benefits the county. Mr. Curran outlined that the boating industry has enjoyed an 8% increase in business in 2016.

- The Council will re-examine the issue of providing Bus Shelters in consultation with Rural Transport.
- The full impact of Brexit are unknown at this stage, however, Mr. Curran outlined that a number of businesses in the UK are considering relocating their business to Ireland which would benefit the local economy in the area.
- The Council has no proposal or funding available to progress a Centenaries Programme for 2017.
- The Department previously funded a subvention to support the LEO Support Costs, this subvention is now no longer available and the costs must be funded directly by the local authority.
- There may be provision to appoint additional General Operative Staff from the existing panel of General Operatives that remains in place until September, 2017

Mr. Vincent Dwyer A/Head of Finance in response to Councillor Mary Bohan's comments about letters issuing to ratepayers outlined that this measure was taken as a last resort as the repayment plans that are in place are not adequate to address the historical arrears and to the current years commercial rate liability. He advised that the Council's preference is negotiate a mutually agreeable repayment schedule with the rate payer rather than initiating legal proceedings.

Councillor Mary Bohan acknowledged Mr. Dwyer's reply and she requested that the Council deal with these cases in a sensitive manner.

The following items were also raised by the Members:

- Councillor Sinead Guckian said that Leitrim County Council should regroup and look at the vacant sites levy and she expressed how difficult this will be for Members.
- Councillor Felim Gurn queried if there is a uniform commercial rates liability for larger stores e.g. Lidl and Aldi.
- Councillor Sean McDermott queried if there is budgetary provision for the Sean MacDiarmada Summer School in 2017.
- Councillor Mary Bohan proposed that an event to celebrate the Cumman Na mBan be held in 2017.

In reply to the above queries/questions Members were advised as follows:

- Leader Funding could be sought for a Centenaries Programme
- Funding for the Sean MacDiarmada Summer School has been maintained.
- The commercial rates for any Lidi and Aldi Valuations is specific to the location where the store is located
- Councillor Sean McGowan referred to Payroll Shared Services and sought clarification on the costs involved in this Shared Service.

Mr Curran advised that the Payroll Shared Service costs to Leitrim County Council are €45,000 a year. In the past two staff members were involved in payroll now one staff

member is involved in this service. Savings in this service will be more evident in years to come when the pensions come into place.

This overview of the Budget was noted by the Members and it was agreed that Mr. Dwyer would proceed to give an overview of each individual Division and that questions arising would then be addressed after each Division.

### **Division A - Housing and Building**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer gave an overview of the provisions in Division A – Housing & Building and he invited any questions from the Members. The following items were raised:

- Councillor Justin Warnock queried if there are arrangements in place to have Housing Staff available to work in different locations if there are particular demands in one location e.g. returning vacant properties to productive use or attending to a high volume of repair requests.
- Councillor Warnock also queried why Contractors are not employed to attend to housing maintenance requests in each Municipal District.
- Councillor Des Guckian requested clarification in relation to the Service Support Costs.
- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke noted that the return of vacant dwellings to productive use has a positive impact in increasing the rental income to the local authority and addressing the housing need for households on the Housing Waiting List. He proposed that every effort should be made to minimise the time from when a property is vacated until it can be re-allocated and tenanted.
- Councillor Brendan Barry queried if funding has been maintained for the Housing Grant Schemes.
- Councillor Padraig Fallon queried if the Council has any proposals to increase the number of family type dwellings in North Leitrim.

In response to the queries raised Ms. Mary Quinn, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services responded as follows:

- Challenges in relation to the housing programme exist in terms of returning vacant dwellings to a habitable condition and attending to ongoing housing maintenance requests from tenants. To date in 2016, a total of 52 vacant units were upgraded with funding provided by the Department.
- There is a slight increase in the allocation of funding for the Housing Grants Scheme for 2017.
- No details to date have been received in regard to the Energy Efficiency Programme, however, plans are being progressed to complete energy efficiency works to an additional 153 units.
- Mr. Dwyer in response to Councillor Des Guckian's query clarified that the Central Management Charge is €6 million and this has to be apportioned across all service areas.

### **Division B - Road Transport & Safety**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division B – Road Transport and Safety. He outlined that the final budget in relation to Roads will not be known until the allocations are made in early 2017. He invited any questions from the Members and the following items were raised:

- Councillor Caillian Ellis raised concern in relation to the completion of the roadworks at Edentiny, Ballinamore. He outlined that the delay in completion of the works was having a very serious impact on the business of the local garage and he called for the allocation of additional resources to have the works progressed as a matter of urgency. Councillor Ellis also queried how the project is being financed.

This proposal was supported by all of the Ballinamore Municipal District Members.

- Councillor Brendan Barry referred to a Pilot Hedge Cutting Scheme administered by Clare County Council. He proposed that Leitrim County Council introduce a similar initiative in 2017.

Councillor Mary Bohan informed the Members that if they were calling on additional funding to be made available for a service area that they also needed to identify which funding stream would be cut from the Budget to finance the new initiative.

- Councillor Pdraig Fallon expressed his concern in relation to public lighting and he called for funding to be provided for public lighting.
- Councillor Des Guckian stated that funding for local lanes and bye-roads should be prioritised.
- Councillor Enda Stenson queried if a significant amount of the Roads Budget is spent on Health and Safety.
- Councillor Sean McGowan queried if any funding has been provided for Bridge Restoration Works.
- Councillor Mary Bohan pointed out that Leitrim County Council is looking for a separate allocation for Local Improvement Schemes.
- Councillor Felim Gurn queried as to how much funding is being allocated to hedge cutting in the Budget.
- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke pointed out that some roads cannot be maintained until some drainage works are carried out on same.

Mr. Shay O'Connor, Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:-

- The Roads project at Edentiny has proved a difficult job and he acknowledged the concerns of the Members. He advised that the works will be completed before Christmas and the project is funding in total by the Department of Transport.
- The Hedge Cutting Scheme will be included on the agenda for the next SPC Meeting. In the event that landowners do not attend to maintaining the hedges on their lands then they are issued with a formal notice by the Council to complete the works. In the event, that the

landowner does not carry out the works then the relevant landowner can be issued with legal proceedings. There is no budgetary provision provided in the Budget to finance hedge cutting.

- No additional funding has been provided in the Budget for the provision of additional public lighting, the funding provided is to maintain existing public lighting.
- A significant amount of the Roads Budget is spent on health and safety.
- In 2016 an allocation of €200,000 was provided for Bridge Maintenance Works and it is anticipated that a similar level of funding will be available in 2017.

Councillor Pdraig Fallon again raised the issue of the lack of funding for public lighting. He referred to the Back Lane, Drumkeerin and he stated that the situation was most unfair to the Residents concerned as they had paid their Local Property Tax.

Mr. Shay Connor stated that until an estate has been taken in charge by the local authority that the Council has no authority to carry out any works in a private estate.

- Councillor Des Guckian proposed that 2 new public lights be provided at Annaduff.
- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke said that the issue of hedge cutting notices is an ongoing issue and that in some instances, landowners are employing people that are poorly equipped to carry out the works to the appropriate standard.
- Councillor Pdraig Fallon proposed that when details of the Roads Allocation are available that 1% of the allocation is ring-fenced to finance hedge cutting.

### **Division C - Water Services**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division C – Water Services and he invited any questions from the Members. The following items were raised:

- Councillor Sean McGowan stated that the pump at Dromod Sewerage Scheme is not working, and a replacement pump is currently on order and same is awaited. A Contractor has had to be taken in to drain out the water. Councillor McGowan queried as to who will cover the costs incurred in this regard.

Mr. Vincent Dwyer confirmed that Irish Water will be responsible for covering these costs.

- Councillor Sinead Guckian queried what the position is with regard to the reporting of water leaks outside of normal office hours.

Mr Francis Gaffney advised that all calls are recorded on the system as soon as they are received they will then be acted upon.

- Councillor Brendan Barry queried if the Drumshanbo Group Water Scheme is on the list for upgrading.

Mr. Francis Gaffney advised that the Drumshanbo Group Water scheme is listed as a Major Capital Scheme.

### **Division D - Development Management**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division D – Development Management and he invited any questions from the Members. The following items were raised:

- Councillor Des Guckian expressed his disappointment with an allocation of €6,000 for Heritage Services. He paid tribute to the ongoing work of the Heritage Officer.
- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke requested an over-view of what will be included in the completion of a new Heritage Plan and he also queried what other organisations will be consulted in relation to the Plan.
- Councillor Enda Stenson sought an update on unfinished housing estates in the county. He also noted that a number of local authorities employ a staff resource as a European Officer and he queried if Leitrim County Council had ever considered appointing such a resource.
- Councillor Justin Warnock supported Councillor Stenson's proposal.
- Councillor Sinead Guckian noted that a High Level Advisory Group has been established. She proposed that a twice-yearly progress report from the High Level Advisory Group be prepared for the Members with regard to the activities of the Group.
- Councillor Felim Gurn suggested that Leitrim County Council should examine additional initiatives e.g. Town Twinning, Slow Travel, Senior Citizens and additional signage at Knock Airport to promote the county.

Mr. Frank Curran responded as follows:

- The High Level Advisory Group meets twice a year to examine ways to promote Leitrim. He advised that report from the High Level Advisory Group can be provided to the Elected Members.
- A staff resource has been identified to take on the role of European Officer. The staff resource will be engaged in a specific training programme to become familiar with the role.
- The Heritage Plan will be prepared by the Heritage Officer in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

Mr. Joseph Gilhooly, Director of Services advised that approximately 30 private estates will be taken in charge between 2016 and 2017. He outlined that the upturn in the housing market has assisted the process and that a more detailed briefing on the status of unfinished housing estates in the county will take place in February, 2017.

### **Division E - Environmental Services**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division E – Environmental Services and he invited any questions from the Members. The following items were raised:

- Councillor Pádraig Fallon queried if there are any proposals to reduce the operation of the Civic Amenity Centres and Bring Bank Facilities in the county. Councillor Sean McDermott also expressed concern in relation to any reduction in service provision in this area.

- Councillor Seadhna Logan and Councillor Justin Warnock noted that there is a large reduction in the allocation of funding to finance Burial Ground maintenance.
- Councillor Sinead Guckian noted that the aftercare costs associated with landfills have increased and she queried if additional income could be generated by the harnessing of gases from the landfill sites.
- Councillor Mary Bohan noted that it is not possible to install CCTV at every Bring Bank Centre but she queried if a level of CCTV cameras can be installed to ensure that the Bring Bank Facilities are not the site of illegal dumping of waste material.
- Councillor John McCartin noted that the disposal of mattresses poses a significant cost for the Civic Amenity Centres. He outlined that he is aware of a new start up company that will deal with the disposal of mattresses.
- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke queried if or if there is any evidence of diesel laundering taking place in the county.

Mr. Curran replied to the above as follows:

- The Council will examine the company that are dealing with mattresses disposal with a view to reducing the existing costs.
- The Civic Amenity Sites Scheme will be listed as an agenda item for discussion and approval by the SPC.
- The harnessing of gases from landfill sites has been examined and is not cost effective.

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance advised that the local authority is not aware of and diesel laundering activity taking place in the county.

#### **Division F - Recreation & Amenity**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division F – Recreation & Amenity and he invited any questions from the Members. The following items were raised:

- Councillor Seadhna Logan expressed his concerns in regard to the 'My Open Library Scheme'. He outlined that the scheme will lead to a reduction in service and will be very damaging towards library services.
- Councillor Sinead Guckian noted the reduction in the Arts Allocation is due to the absence of 1916 Celebrations. She also noted her concern that no funding has been provided for Creative Frame.

Mr. Curran responded to Councillor Logan and outlined that the proposed implementation will enhance Library Services and that it will have no impact on the existing staff compliment of Library Staff.

Councillor Logan stated that the proposal is effectively downgrading Library Services.

### **Division G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare**

Mr. Vincent Dwyer/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare and he invited any questions from the Members. The following items were raised:

- Councillor Paddy O'Rourke queried to as what Joint Drainage Bodies are paid contributions.

Mr. Shay O'Connor advised that the allocation of €20,000 relates to a specific job in North Leitrim. He advised that the funding is provided by the Office of Public Works and that the Council will complete the works.

- Councillor Enda Stenson stated that the funding for drainage works on the rivers in the county needs to be addressed in order to alleviate and prevent flooding incidents in the future.
- Councillor Sean McGowan also supported this proposal and he proposed that where draining works are to be carried out that they commence earlier in the year before water levels have risen.
- Councillor Justin Warnock noted that no allocation has been provided for the Tin Lodge.

Mr. Shay O'Connor acknowledged the concern of the Members and he stated that the proposals in the Flood Relief Measures for the county do not prioritise measures to protect agricultural land from flooding. He also accepted that where the Council propose to commence any drainage works that these works will be scheduled to commence earlier in the year. In response to Councillor Warnock, Mr. O'Connor outlined that funding for Tin Lodge will be provided by the OPW and not the local authority.

### **Division H - Miscellaneous Services**

Mr Vincent Dwyer, A/Head of Finance gave an overview of the provisions in Division H – Miscellaneous Services and he invited any questions from the Members.

This update was noted by the Members.

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#### **24/11/2016 Adoption of Draft Budget for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

Mr. Frank Curran, Chief Executive outlined that the Members examined the Budget in detail by Programme Group and that it was now a matter for them to consider the adoption of the Budget as presented.

Councillor Felim Gurn complimented the Chief Executive, the A/Head of Finance and staff of Leitrim County Council for preparing Budget 2017 with limited finances. He proposed the adoption of the Budget as presented.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor John McCartin.

Councillor Des Guckian made a counter-proposal not to adopt Budget 2017 as presented to the Members. There was no support for Councillor Des Guckian's counter-proposal.

Councillor Mary Bohan paid tribute to the staff that prepared the budget and acknowledged the difficult decisions that have to be made because of the limited financial resources available to the

local authority. Councillor Bohan also paid tribute to the voluntary work of Community Groups throughout the county.

**Proposed by Councillor Felim Gurn, seconded by Councillor John McCartin AND AGREED;**

“That Leitrim County Council adopts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, the Budget set out in Tables A - F, and further resolves to determine in accordance with the said Budget the rates set out in Table A to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for 2017 for the purposes set out in those Tables.”

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**24/11/2016 Determination of Annual Rate on Valuation**

**Proposed by Councillor Sean McDermott, seconded by Councillor Enda Stenson AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

“That Leitrim County Council hereby determines in accordance with the Budget as proposed and adopted by the Members, the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Budget for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.”

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**24/11/2016 Certification**

The Cathaoirleach and the Chief Executive then signed the Statutory Certificate to the effect that at the Budget Meeting of Leitrim County Council held this 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the Council by resolution adopted for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, the Budget set out in Tables (A to F) and by resolution determined in accordance with the said budget the Rates set out in Tables (B and C) to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in those tables.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Chief Executive and the A/Head of Finance for the Budget Book as presented. She also thanked the Members for their contribution and the manner in which the meeting was conducted.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 2.20 p.m.

**SIGNED:**

**Councillor Mary Bohan  
Cathaoirleach**

**Sinead Flynn  
Meetings Administrator**

**DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**