

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

12ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2017

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 24ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2017, ag 10.00 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

12th October, 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 24th October 2017, at 10.00 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

Agenda

- 1) To consider the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2018.

Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation 2018

Donegal Municipal District

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations require the allocation of a general municipal allocation to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.
- 1.2 In respect of 2016 and 2017, a preliminary allocation of €100,000 per Municipal District was made with this subsequently being increased, proportionate to the number of members in each Municipal District, at the plenary budget meeting held respectively in November of 2015 and 2016.
- 1.3 The rationale behind this approach was that it was not practical to allocate a global and final figure as part of the General Municipal Allocation, prior to the final and full plenary budget being adopted, at which point in time it could only be known with certainty as to what capacity existed within the Council resources to allocate such funding.

2.0 2018 General Municipal Allocation

- 2.1 Discussions with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have outlined the challenges associated with the timing required under the current regulations with regard to the allocation of the GMA. The Department have acknowledged the challenges associated with this and are continuing to review the current approach.
- 2.2 However, this approach will not be amended in time for the 2018 revenue budget considerations and as such it is envisaged that it may only come into effect for future years.
- 2.3 Given the specific budgetary challenges currently presenting for 2018, it is not possible to adopt a similar approach to previous years when the full development fund initiative was allocated to each Municipal District as it will only become apparent later in the budgetary planning process as to the Council's discretionary expenditure capacity for 2018.
- 2.4 On that basis it is now proposed to allocate an amount equivalent to €2,000 per member, at this juncture, to the general municipal allocation and that any final and conclusive decision be made as part of the plenary budget meeting in November 2017, at which point in time the members can conclude and determine the final amount to be made available to the general municipal allocations. This could, if the members wished, affirm the allocation proportionate to the number of members in respect of each of the individual Municipal Districts or suggest an alternative allocation methodology.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is therefore recommended that in line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations that the Municipal District adopt a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €12,000 at this time.

Garry Martin, CPFA
Director of Finance, Information Systems & Emergency Services
6th October 2017

Draft budgetary plan 2018 - Donegal Municipal District

Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan		Current Year Information
	€	€
General Municipal Allocation	Municipal District 12,000	
Total (A)	12,000	
To finance Gross Revenue Expenditure	Municipal District proposed expenditure	Local Authority total expenditure
Development Management Strategic Development Fund	12,000	74,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>74,000</u>