

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Buiseid a tionóladh ar an 26ú Samhain 2007 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Paddy Bourke sa chathaoir.

Comhairleoir:

Maurice Ahern
 Charlie Ardagh
 Tom Brabazon
 Gerry Breen
 Christy Burke
 Eibhlin Byrne
 Eric Byrne
 Julia Carmichael
 Brendan Carr
 Anne Carter
 Joan Collins
 Michael Conaghan
 Ray Corcoran
 Emer Costello
 Pat Crimmins
 Michael Donnelly
 Daithi Doolan

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 Declan Flanagan
 Killian Forde
 Mary Freehill
 John Gallagher
 Deirdre Heney
 Kevin Humphreys
 Vincent Jackson
 Deirdre Keane
 Nicky Kehoe
 Liam Kelly
 Sean Kenny
 Dermot Lacey
 Bronwen Maher
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 Aodhán Ó'Riordáin
 Mary O'Shea
 Larry O'Toole
 Oisín Quinn
 Mick Rafferty
 Tom Stafford
 Bill Tormey
 Edie Wynne

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John Tierney
 Kathy Quinn
 Philip Maguire
 Matt Twomey
 Michael Stubbs
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Frank Kelly
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 Vincent Norton
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 Antoinette Power
 Rose Kenny

Enda Currid
 Margaret Clarke
 Brian Germaine
 Hugh Fitzpatrick

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Michael O' Halloran was present in the public gallery and he welcomed him to the meeting. He then invited Ms. Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance, to present the draft Budget. Ms. Quinn drew the Council's attention to the following five key issues, which she said had framed the Budget

- (1) Significant additional allocation of resources to the Fire Services
- (2) Waste Economics i.e. increased landfill costs, increased waste collection costs, increased cost of street cleaning service
- (3) Funding for Childcare Services
- (4) Operational costs, now falling on the revenue budget, in respect of Sports and Recreational Facilities Capital Projects completed over the last few years.
- (5) Increased spending in respect of Housing Maintenance services

She then outlined some of the main provisions contained in the draft Budget in each of the Programme Groups. There were, she said, increases across all services and referred to the fact that the quantum of the budget had increased by 29% since 2005 i.e. expenditure had risen from €710 million to €914.5 million. She also informed the Council that the draft budget had been constructed so as to limit inflationary pressures in the Dublin economy in so far as it could do, therefore, she said that the draft budget provided for an increase of 3.95% on "Commercial Rates". Ms. Quinn also drew the attention of the Council to the draft budget in a revised format, which she informed them would be the format for Budgets from 2008. She concluded by presenting the Capital Programme for 2008-2010 as set out in Report Number 487/2007, which she said was before them for noting. Ms. Quinn also paid tribute to Mr. Fintan Moran and her other staff for their work. (Copy of her presentation on the Draft Budget 2008 is attached as appendix A to these minutes).

Councillor M. Donnelly thanked Ms. Quinn and her staff for the great work done by them over the last few months. He described the draft Budget as being very progressive and one which he said had a huge knock on effect for the economy of Dublin in terms of employment and spending power. The increase proposed for domestic waste charges were less than the rate of inflation as was the increase proposed for Commercial Rates. He welcomed, in particular the following aspects of the draft budget: the increase in the number of street cleaning staff of 40, 8 per area, the expansion in the area of waste management such as the introduction of the "brown Bins" service, the continuation of the Household Waste Bulk Collection service, continuation of the graffiti removal service, social aspects such as childcare, facilities for Senior Citizens and he concluded by formally proposing the following resolutions:

"That Dublin City Council hereby adopts the budget for the local financial year ending 31st December 2008 as set forth in Tables A and B of Report No. 486/2007" and "That Dublin City Council hereby determines in accordance with the said budget as adopted, the Annual Rate on Valuation of sixty one euro, eighty seven cent to be levied in the City Council of Dublin for the several purposes specified in the said adopted Budget for the local financial year ending 31st December 2008"

Local Authority Budget and Determination of the Annual Rate on Valuation
for the Local Financial Year ending 31st December 2008

TABLE A - EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

PROGRAMME GROUPS AND PROGRAMMES	2008				2007			
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Estimated by Manager €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Manager €	Adopted by Council €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Expenditure €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Income €
1. HOUSING AND BUILDING								
1.1 Local Authority Housing	100,910,288	100,910,288	68,663,200	68,663,200	97,277,228	92,155,028	63,034,000	65,940,750
1.2 Assistance to Persons Housing Themselves	28,761,533	28,761,533	28,384,057	28,384,057	23,405,845	23,070,689	23,955,059	23,965,271
1.3 Assistance to Persons Improving Houses	14,196,300	14,196,300	7,000,000	7,000,000	13,869,898	16,028,182	7,000,000	8,337,200
1.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	93,236,762	93,236,762	65,205,433	65,205,433	86,238,671	87,855,813	61,324,777	57,202,302
TOTAL :	237,104,883	237,104,883	169,252,690	169,252,690	220,791,642	219,109,712	155,313,836	155,445,523
2. ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY								
2.1 Road Upkeep	40,819,381	40,819,381	8,490,400	8,490,400	39,703,000	39,371,992	8,361,800	8,462,148
2.2 Road Improvement	5,545,268	5,545,268	2,056,800	2,056,800	5,693,200	5,427,431	1,689,200	2,245,245
2.3 Road Traffic	33,805,919	33,805,919	39,792,000	39,792,000	32,045,600	32,708,440	39,237,000	39,134,680
2.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	29,654,686	29,654,686	2,115,830	2,115,830	27,762,028	27,195,268	1,894,968	2,237,435
TOTAL :	109,825,254	109,825,254	52,455,030	52,455,030	105,203,828	104,703,131	51,182,968	52,079,508
3. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE								
3.1 Public Water Supply Schemes	47,943,092	47,943,092	37,029,970	37,029,970	44,183,700	44,946,708	34,595,400	37,383,150
3.2 Public Sewerage Schemes	57,710,474	57,710,474	36,376,975	36,376,975	52,715,805	53,490,447	34,921,600	34,194,100
3.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	24,303,178	24,303,178	3,856,449	3,856,449	23,383,374	22,816,805	3,542,640	3,499,652
TOTAL :	129,956,744	129,956,744	77,263,394	77,263,394	120,282,879	121,253,960	73,059,640	75,076,902

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated Expenditure	Adopted by Council	Estimated Income
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
7. EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE								
7.2 Education	55,144,699	55,144,699	52,807,213	52,807,213	47,601,050	50,371,917	45,328,100	48,202,250
7.3 Health and Welfare	220,500	220,500			210,000	210,000		
7.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	1,132,276	1,132,276	48,069	48,069	1,032,196	1,031,656	34,560	61,793
TOTAL :	56,497,475	56,497,475	52,855,282	52,855,282	48,843,246	51,613,573	45,362,660	48,264,043
8. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES								
8.3 Financial Management	6,385,500	6,385,500	54,315	54,315	6,209,000	6,288,500	53,000	632,515
8.4 Elections	1,526,119	1,526,119	23,000	23,000	1,571,410	1,487,594	38,000	3,346,292
8.5 Justice and Consumer Protection	3,772,993	3,772,993	684,300	684,300	3,539,200	3,630,615	633,000	641,630
8.6 Property Damage	485,700	485,700	472,500	472,500	462,600	462,600	450,000	450,000
8.7 Markets and Abattoir	1,522,713	1,522,713	1,221,000	1,221,000	1,410,800	1,455,796	1,055,000	1,167,000
8.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	3,440,316	3,440,316	1,259,069	1,259,069	3,182,636	3,278,739	1,068,860	2,636,293
8.9 Lord Mayor's Allowance	80,000	80,000			72,000	72,000		
8.10 Lord Mayor's Entertainment & Travel Allowance, etc.	382,400	382,400			366,100	344,800		
8.11 Expenses of Members of Local Authority & Representation at Conferences	1,697,800	1,697,800			1,590,365	1,632,365	0	0
8.12 Expenses of Members Attending Conferences Abroad	88,800	88,800			118,335	118,335		
TOTAL :	19,382,341	19,382,341	3,714,184	3,714,184	18,522,446	18,771,344	3,297,860	8,873,730
ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS TOTAL	914,516,609	914,516,609	499,797,165	499,797,165	847,137,522	857,314,491	464,660,007	482,255,323

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TOTAL :	19,382,341	19,382,341	3,714,184	3,714,184	18,522,446	18,771,344	3,297,860	8,873,730
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TABLE B

Calculation of the General Annual Rate on Valuation for the financial year 2008		
Local Authority: Dublin City Council		
Programme Group	2008	Estimated Out turn for Year 2007
<u>I. Gross Revenue Expenditure (Per Table A)</u>	€	€
1. Housing and Building	237,104,883	219,109,712
2. Road Transportation and Safety	109,825,254	104,703,131
3. Water Supply and Sewerage	129,956,744	121,253,960
4. Development Incentives and Controls	27,954,728	27,089,792
5. Environmental Protection	247,360,866	234,798,837
6. Culture, Recreation and Amenity	86,434,318	79,974,142
7. Education, Health and Welfare	56,497,475	51,613,573
8. Miscellaneous Services	19,382,341	18,771,344
Total	914,516,609	857,314,491
Plus provision for Debit Balance	3,210,890	3,672,983
Adjusted Gross Expenditure = (A)	917,727,499	860,987,474
<u>II. Gross Revenue Income (Per Table A)</u>		
1. Housing and Building	169,252,690	155,445,523
2. Road Transportation and Safety	52,455,030	52,079,508
3. Water Supply and Sewerage	77,263,394	75,076,902
4. Development Incentives and Controls	9,939,631	10,479,918
5. Environmental Protection	121,211,415	120,312,158
6. Culture, Recreation and Amenity	13,105,539	11,723,541
7. Education, Health and Welfare	52,855,282	48,264,043
8. Miscellaneous Services	3,714,184	8,873,730
Total = (B)	499,797,165	482,255,323
III. Net Expenditure (A-B) = (C)	417,930,334	378,732,151
<u>IV. Other Income \ Credit Balance</u>		
Provision for Credit Balance	10,735,074	6,316,755
Local Government Fund Income	105,500,000	
Sub-Total = (D)	116,235,074	6,316,755
V. Amount of Rates To Be Levied = (C) - (D)	301,695,260	
<u>VI. Net Effective Valuation</u>	5,171,959	
<u>VII. General Annual Rate on Valuation</u>	61.87	

I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of the Dublin City Council held this the 26th day of November 2007, the council by resolution adopted for the financial year ending 31st December 2008 the budget set out in Tables A and B and by resolution determined in accordance with the said budget the rate set out in section VII of Table B to be the annual rate on valuation for that year for the purposes set out in section I of Table B.

Signed: Cllr Paddy Bourke, Lord Mayor

Countersigned: John Tierney, Dublin City Manager

Date: 26 / 11 / 2007

Councillor K. Humphreys also thanked Ms. Quinn and her staff for the extremely professional manner in which the draft Budget had been prepared. He stated that the funding of the City into the future needed to be properly addressed. Reform was required, he said because of Dublin's position as the nation's capital. He welcomed (1) the improvement in the library service and in particular the Sunday opening of the ILAC (2) funding for Parks (3) additional funding for Shower facilities for Senior Citizens. However, he also called for the number of voids to be tackled. He concluded by formally seconding the two motions proposed by Cllr. M. Donnelly.

The following Councillors then spoke in support of the draft Budget: Councillor B. Tormey, Councillor O. Quinn, Councillor T. Stafford, Councillor J. Carmichael, Cllr. D. Lacey, Councillor A. Montague, Councillor A. O' Riordain, Councillor S.P. Mahon, Councillor T. Brabazon and Councillor D. Heney.

The following Councillors then stated that despite welcoming many aspects of the draft Budget that they would not be voting for it because of the inclusion therein of the Domestic Waste Charges: Councillor C. Burke, Councillor L. O'Toole and Councillor J. Collins.

The Lord Mayor then thanked the City Manager, the Head of Finance and her staff for their excellent work and he said that he would be supporting the Budget.

Ms. Kathy Quinn informed the Council that the reason that the cost of Childcare was being flagged was due to the fact that if Dublin City Council had not stepped in and funded a number of crèches that they would not have opened, as there was no other source of funding for them at present. However, she stated that if the cost of providing those facilities continued to rise that Dublin City Council would not be able to fund it.

The City Manager stated that it had not been easy to balance the Budget because of a number of demands on the income side and he praised Ms. Quinn and her staff for their work in that regard. Despite those restraints, he stated that in his opinion, it was quite a remarkable Budget and he called on the Council to adopt it.

The two motions were then put and carried by a vote of 37 **FOR** to 10 **AGAINST** the Lord Mayor formally declared the Budget to be adopted.

It was then proposed by Councillor V. Jackson and seconded by Councillor J. Carmichael "That Dublin City Council having considered Report No. 487/2007 of the Dublin City Manager – Programme of Capital Projects for 2008 – 2010 notes that Report" and it was proposed by Councillor M. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor J. Carmichael "That Dublin City Council notes Report Number 525/2007 of the Head of Finance – Revised 2008 Budget format in compliance with Local Authority Costing of Services requirements" Both motions were put and carried.

The meeting concluded at 8.32 p.m.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

26/11/2007