

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Item No.
1 (b)**

**SPECIAL MEETING 24th SEPTEMBER, 2015
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD**

PRESENT:

Cllr John Cummins Mayor	Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Mary Butler	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Breda Brennan	Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. John Carey	Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Declan Doocey	Cllr. Sean Reinhardt
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Siobhán Whelan
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan	Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse
Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Cllr. Davy Daniels

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Jim Griffin, Cllr. John O'Leary, Cllr. Joe Kelly, Cllr. Joe Conway

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. L. Power, Director of Service Economic Development and Planning.
Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Service Environment, Water and Corporate
Mr. J. Murphy, Head of Finance
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Service
Mr. P. McCarthy, Senior Engineer Roads
Mr. D. Murphy, Management Accountant,
Mr. J. Sullivan, Senior Executive Officer Housing.
Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator

The meeting was called to consider the Local Adjustment Factor of the Local Property Tax for Waterford. The CE introduced the topic and stated that his recommendation was that the LPT remain unaltered to maintain progress in investment and development strategically over the whole of Waterford City and County.

Cllr. FitzGerald proposed a reduction of 15% on the LPT for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr. Hearne. Cllr. Geoghegan proposed an amendment that there be no change in the LPT. This was seconded by Cllr. O'Ryan. Cllr. Hannigan raised a query on bad debts/write offs. Cllr. Roche stated she had a problem with the process that separated the LPT from the budgetary process and asked the CE to consider levying rates on empty commercial premises. Cllr. O'Neill referred to the deficit and the interest on loans outstanding. Cllr. Geoghegan enquired how much of the LPT collected remained in Waterford. The CE confirmed that Waterford was doing well from the L.G. Fund in excess of what was collected.

The Mayor then put the amendment to the meeting and a vote of 23 in favour 5 against. The amendment that there be no change in the LPT was carried.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____