

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

RECONVENED ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER, 2016 at 5.00pm

Council Chamber, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Breda Brennan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. J. Murphy, Head of Finance
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Corporate, Arts, HR & IS
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. L. Power Director of Economic Development & Planning
Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Roads, Water & Environment
Mr. D. Murphy, Financial Management Accountant
Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator
Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer

Mayor looked for a Proposer and Secunder for the Budget as proposed by the Chief Executive - none received. Cllr. Tobin proposed adjournment for 20 minutes for further discussion seconded by Cllr. Cronin and the proposed adjournment was put and agreed. Cllr. Reinhardt proposed that the Chief Executive's Budget be accepted, no seconder emerged and proposal fell.

Meeting then adjourned for 20 minutes.

Meeting resumed at 5.25pm. Cllr. Mulligan proposed to adjourn for a further 45 minutes so that Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Labour Councillors could meet with the Chief Executive. Seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan. Cllr. Fitzgerald proposed that this should be a closed meeting and that all the Councillors should attend the meeting. John Murphy, Head of Finance was also requested to attend this meeting. Seconded by Cllr. Conway. The amendment was put to the meeting and with the vote 12 for and 18 against the amendment was lost. Cllr. Mulligan's proposal was then put and carried and the meeting was adjourned at 17.30pm for 45 minutes.

Meeting resumed at 18.20.

Cllr Reinhardt stated that he proposed the Budget and referred to the failure of anyone to second. Cllr. Quinlan proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Budget with following amendments –

1. no increase in Rates,
2. increase in Vacant Properties Charge to 45%
3. Reduce Tourism and Promotion by €50k
4. Reduce Festivals funding by €127k
5. Reduce Economic Development by €20k
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Proposed by: Cllr. Fitzgerald to adjourn for 20 minutes to discuss amendments and agreed.

The meeting resumed and the Alternative Budget and Rate on Valuation for 2017 was proposed by Cllr. Quinlan and seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and put to a Vote.

24 voted for – 5 voted against, 2 abstained

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Cllr. J. Cummins	Cllr. D. Daniels	Cllr. J. Conway
Cllr. D. Geoghegan	Cllr. J. Kelly	Cllr. B. Hannigan
Cllr. L. Brazil	Cllr. C. O'Neill	
Cllr. J. Carey	Cllr. M. Roche	
Cllr. S. O'Donnell	Cllr. S. Reinhardt	
Cllr. J. Murphy		
Cllr. T. Cronin		
Cllr. D. Doocey		
Cllr. P. Fitzgerald		
Cllr. E. Mulligan		
Cllr. P. Nugent		
Cllr. J. O'Leary		
Cllr. M.J. O'Ryan		
Cllr. S. Power		
Cllr. J. Pratt		
Cllr. E. Quinlan		
Cllr. J. Tobin		
Cllr. S. Whelan		
Cllr. D. Clune		
Cllr. J. Hearne		
Cllr. J. Griffin		
Cllr. R. Murphy		
Cllr. L. O'Sullivan		
Cllr. A. Wyse Mayor		

The Mayor then declared the Budget and Rate on Valuation for 2017 adopted.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____