

MINUTES OF 2026 BUDGET MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER 2025

PRESENT: An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy in the chair.

NORTH EAST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn.

NORTH WEST: Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.

SOUTH EAST: Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.

SOUTH CENTRAL: Comhairleoirí S O'Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor.

SOUTH WEST: Comhairleoirí C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive.
Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer.
Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive
Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator, CC&CA.
Mr. N. Carroll, Director of Housing.
Ms. R. Loughry, Director of Services, CC&CA.
Mr. B. O'Hare, Management Accountant, Finance.
Ms. C. Johnston, Staff Officer, Finance.
Ms. S. Ashman, Financial Accountant, Finance.
Mr. J. Carty, Financial Accountant, Finance
Ms. R. Lynch, Administrative Officer, CC&CA.
Ms. V. Keating, Staff Officer, CC&CA.
Mr. E. English, Communications Officer, CC&CA
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer, CC&CA.
Mr. B. Hurley, ICT Programme Officer, ICT

APOLOGIES:

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy recited the opening prayer and observed one minute's reflection. An tArdmhéara outlined the proposed format for the meeting which included that Elected Members' speeches would be limited to 3 minutes in duration. He then thanked the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and officials in Cork City Council for the work put into preparing the Draft 2026 Budget.

1. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive presented her Report on the 2026 Draft Budget for Cork City Council. A number of Members spoke on the issues and challenges associated with the Draft Budget 2026.

2. SERVICE DIVISION A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

2.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Comhairle agreed to adopt Service Divisions A B, C, D, E, F, G, H and an tArdmhéara declared the Service Divisions approved.

3. ADOPTION OF BUDGET

3.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, the following motion was proposed;

'That the Draft Cork City Council Budget, as amended, for the local financial year ending 31st December 2026, as set forth in Tables A to F thereof be and is hereby adopted.'

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, C. O'Connor, D. Boyle, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, G. O'Brien, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, N. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, N. O'Connor.
(23)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy, K. Collins, F. Kerins, J. Lynch, M. Gould, P. Dinneen.
(8)

ABSTAIN: **(0)**

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE GENERAL ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION

4.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, the following motion was proposed:

'That in accordance with the Budget as so adopted and as set forth in Tables A to F thereof, the general annual rate on valuation set forth in Table A thereof is hereby determined to be 81.47.'

A vote was taken where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, C. O'Connor, D. Boyle, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, G. O'Brien, An tArdmhéara, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, N. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, N. O'Connor, T. Tynan, K. Collins, F. Kerins, J. Lynch, M. Gould.
(28)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí P. Dineen, A. Deasy.
(2)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir B. McCarthy.
(1)

As the number of votes in favour of this motion exceeded the number of votes against, An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

5. APPROVAL OF VACANCY ABATEMENT SCHEME

5.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, the following motion was proposed;

‘That Cork City Council makes a scheme for the abatement of rates due to it by liable persons, or classes of persons, in respect of vacant properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this motion without taking a vote.

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

6. RATE WAIVER SCHEME

6.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, the following motion was proposed;

‘That Cork City Council determines a scheme and funding for the waiver of rates due to it, in respect of relevant properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended for the financial year ending 31stDecember 2026.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this motion without taking a vote.

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

7. APPROVAL OF OVER-EXPENDITURES

7.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, the following motion was proposed;

‘In accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 that the Council hereby approves the over-expenditure for 2025 as outlined.’

An Chomhairle agreed unanimously to adopt this motion without taking a vote.

An tArdmhéara declared the motion adopted.

8. CONCLUSION

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHÉARA
CATHAOIRLEACH**