

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

12ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2018

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Céadaoin 24ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2018, ag 10.30 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

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

12th October, 2018

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at 10.30 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 2019.

## **Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation 2019**

### **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 (GMA) to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.
- 1.2 In respect of 2017, a preliminary allocation of €120,000 was made for the Donegal Municipal District, with this subsequently being adopted at the 2017 plenary budget in November 2016.
- 1.3 In respect of 2018, a preliminary allocation of €12,000 was made for the Donegal Municipal District. This was subsequently increased to €120,000 when the 2018 plenary budget was adopted in December 2018.
- 1.4 The rationale behind this approach was that it was not practicable 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's resources to allocate such funding.

#### **2.0 2019 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 has acknowledged the challenges associated with this, and is continuing to review the current approach.
- 2.2 However, this approach will not be amended in time for the 2019 revenue budget considerations. Any amendments made to the budgetary process will only come into effect for future years' budgets beyond 2019.
- 2.3 On that basis it is now proposed to allocate an amount equivalent to €20,000 per member, at this juncture, to the General Municipal Allocation. The final and conclusive decision will be made as part of the plenary budget meeting in November 2018, 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 adopts a provisional General Municipal Allocation in the amount of €120,000 at this time.

**Richard Gibson ACCA,  
A/Head of Finance,  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

## Draft budgetary plan 2019 - Donegal Municipal District

Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan		Current Year Information
	€	€
General Municipal Allocation	Municipal District 120,000	
<b>Total (A)</b>	<b>120,000</b>	
To finance Gross Revenue Expenditure	Municipal District proposed expenditure	Local Authority total expenditure
Development Management      Strategic Development Fund	120,000	740,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>740,000</u>