
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

13th December 2004

Don Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball den Chomhairle

**Re: Draft Budget of Income & Expenditure for the year
ending 31st December 2005**

Introduction

I enclose for your consideration and adoption the draft Budget for the year ending 31st December 2005.

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government by Circular Fin 24/2004, 17/9/2004 has determined the period 25th November 2004 to 13th January 2005 as the prescribed period for County Councils to hold their 2005 budget meetings.

At the November meeting of the Council you agreed to hold the statutory budget meeting on Monday 20th December 2004. The process of considering and adopting the budget must be completed within a period of 21 days beginning on the 20th December 2004. In effect the process must be completed by 9th January 2005.

This draft budget has been prepared against the background that the Irish economy will grow by 4.7% in GNP terms and 5.1% in GDP terms. Price inflation is expected to come in at 2.5% in 2005, close to the EU average.

Local Government Fund

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government by Circular Fin 27/2004, 6/12/2004 has advised that the Local Government Fund general purpose grant for the year 2005 is €15,968,396, an increase of 9.1% on 2004. The Minister has indicated that the allocation has taken into account the necessary costs that will arise for Local Authorities in 2005, for example, pay, the introduction of the Performance Management Development System and requirements in relation to the Irish language.

Borrowing

I wish to advise the members that strict controls are being applied by the government in relation to borrowing. On 9/11/04 the D.E.H.L.G. advised that they would be not be in a position to sanction a loan of €4.5 million for capital works on the landfill due to constraints imposed on the total amount of Local Authority borrowing for General Government Balance purposes. Discussions are on going with the Department in relation to this issue.

The inability of this Council to fund major infrastructural projects by way of loans may have implications for projects such as the Portlaoise Main Drainage Scheme, Portlaoise Swimming Pool and other capital projects.

Insurance

You will be aware that Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd did not increase insurance rates in 2004 because of the positive developments in the broader insurance market, such as the advent of the new Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) and the Civil Liabilities and Courts Act 2004.

The Civil Liabilities and Courts Act 2004 reduces the Statute of Limitations to 2 years, requires claimants to serve a letter of claim within 2 months of the alleged incident, and also introduces severe penalties for giving false or misleading evidence.

For the 2005 renewal period, the following insurance rates will apply:

Insurances	Rate v. 2004
Public Liability	-15%
Employer Liability	-10%
Motor	-10%
Non-Residential Property	-10%
Residential Property	0%
Professional Indemnity	0%

Togher Interchange Project

This Council zoned 250 acres for mixed development at Togher, Portlaoise on 24/11/2003 and the project was launched in Dublin on the 31st March 2004. Over the past 9 months the Council has promoted the project nationally and internationally. Land ownership has changed. A master plan devised by the Council has been accepted in principle by the key developers and investors. It is anticipated that the planning process for the site development will commence in early 2005.

Portarlington Enterprise Centre

Work has commenced on the erection of an Enterprise Centre of approximately 10,000 square foot, costing €1.5 million. The centre will contain a mix of local enterprise and incubation units and it is expected to generate 45 new jobs in the area. This is a partnership project between Laois County Council, the Portarlington Community Development Association and the Public/Private sectors.

M7 Heath/Mayfield

This new stretch of motorway that fills the 17.5 k.m. gap between the Portlaoise Bypass and the Kildare town bypass was completed in November 2004. It provides a continuous stretch of motorway and dual carriageway of almost eighty kilometres between Portlaoise and Dublin. This will bring unprecedented opportunities to the County.

Review of the County Development Plan

The process for preparing the new development plan commenced this year will continue through 2005 and will finish early in 2006. The draft County Development Plan will be presented to the Members at the Council meeting on the 13/12/2004. In preparing the plan the Council must have regard to the main National Plans, policies and guidelines:

- a) The National Development Plan 2000 – 2006
- b) The National Spatial Strategy (NSS)
- c) Sustainable Development: A Strategy for Ireland 1997
- d) The National Anti Poverty Strategy
- e) Ministerial Guidelines and Directives
- f) Local Agenda 21
- g) The National Biodiversity Plan 2002
- h) The National Heritage Plan 2002

Commercial Rates

The rate base in the County has increased from €112,216 in 2003 to €120,395. Having regard to the need to respond to the growth the County is experiencing I have provided a 6% increase in the annual rate on valuation. This will bring the rate from €54.1978 to €57.4497. Whilst this is greater than the rate of inflation I feel it is reasonable in the context of the nature and extent of growth in the County.

The full detail of the budget provisions across each of the programmes is set out in the statutory tables and the main highlights are summarised in the following pages.

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 – HOUSING & BUILDING.

Estimated Expenditure €7,442,648

Estimated Income €5,409,226

Council Housing Accommodation

This Council will have a housing stock of 1,464 units at the 31/12/2004. A sum of €700,000 is included for halting sites and the maintenance, repair and improvement of Council houses. In respect of the halting sites in Portlaoise and Portarlinton the D.E.H.L.G. recoup 75% of the cost of the salaries and travel expenses of the caretaker and 50% of the cost of other expenses.

An amount of €160,000 was included in the 2004 budget for pre-letting repairs. On the 28th October 2004 the D.E.H.L.G. approved the use of €200,000 from internal resources for the repair of 22 listed houses and work has finished in the majority of cases. An amount of €250,000 has been included for 2005.

In July 2004 the D.E.H.L.G. announced a new central heating initiative. The objective of the initiative is to assist authorities to provide central heating facilities in all their rented dwellings. Eligible works also include attic insulation, draught proofing, pipe lagging and the installation of a mains operated smoke alarm. A grant of €5,600 per dwelling or up to 80% of the cost, whichever is the lesser, is available. The D.E.H.L.G. advised us of an allocation of €200,000 on the 21/9/2004. The Council funded €58,000 of this allocation from a re-allocation of existing resources.

For 2005 an amount of €300,000 has been included for central heating, 80% of which will be financed by the D.E.H.L.G.

Estate Management

Under the Estate Management initiative, grants totalling €39,000 approximately will be paid to Residents Associations. The balance of the budget will be spent on addressing such issues as general maintenance, anti social behaviour, environmental improvements, the promotion of youth involvement in our estates and other appropriate activities.

Knockmay Regeneration Programme

In 2004 this Council had been successful in securing funding from the D.E.H.L.G. for the employment of a community worker for the Knockmay Estates. Unfortunately, despite holding 2 interview sessions during the year, no suitably qualified candidate was found for this post and the grant could not be taken up. A Tenant Liaison Officer will be appointed in January 2005 to progress the Knockmay Regeneration Programme.

Caretaker of the Aged and Disabled

It is proposed to appoint during 2005 a caretaker for aged and disabled tenants in our estates and this will be partly funded by the D.E.H.L.G. (€21,579), under the Housing Management Initiative Grant Scheme. This Scheme is designed to assist Local Authorities to undertake pilot projects in the area of housing management.

Integrated Housing Package

An amount of €25,000 is being provided for an integrated housing package, €10,000 of which will be recouped from the D.E.H.L.G. This package will integrate all housing services of the Council and will lead to more efficient management of the Housing section.

Rental Income

Income from rents is estimated to increase to €1,850,000.

Disabled Persons/Essential Repair Grants

An amount of €1,800,000 was provided in the Council's Budget in 2004 for Disabled Persons and Essential Repair grants. You will be aware that this amount of €1,800,000 included an amount of €350,000 transferred from capital. On the 29th October 2004 the D.E.H.L.G. increased the provision by €830,677 to €2,630,677 and approved the use from internal resources of €277,000 to fund the Council's one-third contribution. It is proposed to include an amount of €1,508,000 under this heading in 2005. Approximately two-thirds of the expenditure will be recouped from the D.E.H.L.G.

Private Rented Dwellings

Since September 2004 registration fees for private rented dwellings are now paid to the Private Residential Tenancies Board. Funding will be provided to Local Authorities to take account of registration fee income foregone due to the introduction of the new system of registration under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004. Recoupment will be based on the number of registrations. I have included an amount of €3,000 in 2005.

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 – ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

Estimated Expenditure €16,552,692

Estimated Income €10,256,183

Road Upkeep and Improvement

The Revenue grant allocation for road upkeep and improvement in 2004 was as follows:

National Primary Road Upkeep	€ 951,259
National Secondary Road Upkeep	€ 643,359
Regional Roads (Restoration Maintenance)	€ 342,792
Regional Road (Ordinary Maintenance)	€ 576,000
County Roads (Restoration Maintenance)	€ 874,208
Regional Roads (Restoration Improvement)	€ 880,336
County Road (Restoration Improvement)	€2,738,994
Low Cost Safety Measures	€ 63,000
Regional and County Roads Discretionary Improvement	€ 488,000
Class 3 County Roads	€ 203,000
Community Involvement in Road works	€ 209,680
Local Improvement Schemes	€ 191,332

The Budget for 2005 includes an increase of 10% across all of the above headings and is based on providing the same level of service as in 2004.

It is proposed to provide a sum of €1,106,000 for County Roads Ordinary Maintenance in 2005.

Multi Annual Road Works Programme

A review of the Multi Annual Road Works Programme will go before the area meetings in January 2005.

Additional Footpaths

The amount provided for footpaths in 2004 was €299,816. This was increased by €200,000 during 2004 from this Council's development levies scheme. It is proposed to provide a similar amount in 2005 with development levies again funding €200,000.

It is also proposed to continue with the special Community Involvement fund of €44,000 for the improvement of roads in Council housing estates.

Traffic Management

The Committee set up to review the byelaws is examining proposals to extend pay and display parking in Portlaoise, to regulate the area around Áras An Chontae, Portlaoise and to provide additional bays for disabled drivers. Eleven additional pay and display machines were introduced in Portlaoise in September 2004.

It is proposed with the consent of the members to introduce pay and display parking in Mountmellick in early 2005 and to consider its introduction in Mountrath and Portarlinton.

An amount of €285,000 has been provided in 2005 with the income estimated to increase by €200,000 to €500,000. It is not intended to increase parking charges during 2005.

School Warden Service

The Council will continue to fund 25% of the cost of the five school wardens in Portlaoise, 50% of the cost of the school warden in Graiguecullen and the cost of one school warden in Mountmellick.

Retirement Gratuities

The provision for payment of pensions and lump sums to cover the entitlements of a number of employees due to retire in 2005 has been increased to €450,000. €90,000 is being provided in this programme group and further amounts of €90,000 are provided under the heading Retirement Gratuities/Pensions in programme groups 3, 4, 5 and 8.

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 – WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE

Estimated Expenditure €5,833,410

Estimated Income €2,146,453

Public Water Supply Schemes

The sum of €1,938,769 is provided for the operation and maintenance of public water supply schemes. The Budget takes into account the high element of fixed costs in the form of labour, power and chemicals. An amount of €17,000 is included for the operation and maintenance costs of group water schemes to be taken in charge in 2005.

Public Waste Water Schemes

The sum of €1,339,448 is provided for public wastewater scheme maintenance, an increase of €189,448 in 2004. Public waste water schemes, also, have a high element of fixed costs and the increase for 2005 is mainly due to the increasing demand for waste water treatment. An amount of €60,350 is included for new waste water treatment plants in Newtown-Doonane, Killimy, Capalug, Ballylinan, Ballyroan and package plants at Mountrath, Abbeyleix and Durrow.

The cost of disposing of sewerage sludge in the Landfill has been included based on the charge levied for other waste. In accordance with Water Pricing Policy the full cost of providing water and wastewater services should be passed on to the non-domestic sector. This item is included to establish the real cost of providing a waste water system.

Private Installations

The Budget of €55,000 for data capture includes the employment of a student for summer work. This additional employee's salary and travel will be recouped in full from the D.E.H.L.G.

Water Charges

It is proposed to increase water charges by 6% from the 1st January 2005. The current rate of €4.43 per 1,000 gallons will increase to €4.70. Provision has been made for a contribution of 25,000 gallons of water per annum free to all halls.

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 – Development Incentives & Control

Estimated Expenditure €3,187,068

Estimated Income €1,447,000

Planning Control, Enforcement and Forward Planning

The amount provided in 2004 under this heading was €1,330,610. It is proposed to increase expenditure in the current year by €259,025 (19.5%).

The planning programme has been divided into three areas, planning control, planning enforcement, and forward planning.

The number of valid planning applications received in 2003 was 1,206 and this showed an increase of 275 on 2002. It is expected that there will be a similar number of applications in 2005. An increase of €220,000 has been budgeted for in 2005 for planning application fees.

The forward planning section deals with the preparation of the County Development Plan and Local Area Plans. As part of the Development Plan process it will be necessary to carry out various studies and outside expertise in the preparation of aspects of local area and other plans will be required.

The estimated income for percolation tests represents the cost of providing this service.

Economic Development

The Council continues to support and to co-operate with all local and national development agencies to promote the social and economic development of the County.

The amount of €8,500 provided for industrial estate maintenance includes for the provision of advanced signage to the Bay Road and M.D.A. Business Park in Mountmellick.

County Development Board

The County Development Board is at present preparing a poverty profile of the County and will draw up in 2005 an anti-poverty strategy to meet the needs of target groups identified in the profile. This work will be carried out in partnership with other agencies. An amount of €278,500 is proposed in 2005 for the County Development Board.

Urban and Village Renewal

The Council promoted and delivered a successful programme of urban and village renewal initiatives during the past year. The towns of Portlaoise, Timahoe, Ballylinan and Ballyroan benefited from refurbishment and development works in 2004. A sum of €30,000 has been provided in 2005 for the towns of Portlaoise, Abbeyleix, Ballacolla and Vicarstown. This amount represents the Council's portion of the overall cost of the work the balance of which will be funded by the D.E.H.L.G.

Tourist Promotion

A Tourism Strategic Group was set up in 2004 with a number of objectives including the overall promotion of the County. From this a number of task groups were set up to promote golf and other activities, to organise events and co-operative trade shows and to arrange promotions with the Hotel and Restaurant sectors.

The re-design and aggressive marketing strategy for the Tourism website has commenced as has the development of a strong logo for the County. The 'Passport to Laois' booklet has been published and widely distributed and work is underway on a Corporate Tourism/Business Folder, an Activity/Attractions Guide and Website and the signposting of the original 'Gordon Bennett' motor route among other projects.

The sum of €131,000 has been provided for tourist development and includes a contribution of €21,000 to the East Coast and Midlands Tourism.

Other Agencies and Bodies

Provision is made for payment to the General Council of County Councils, the Local Authority Members Association, the Town Councils of Portlaoise and Mountmellick and the Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly.

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Estimated Expenditure €10,103,071

Estimated Income €6,985,900

Waste Management and Disposal

The expenditure provision for waste management and disposal has increased by €1,172,270.

The increase in provision is due to: -

- a) the operation of the landfill site to the highest standards in accordance with E.U. environmental directives.
- b) the operation of the civic amenity site.
- c) the phased recoupment of expenditure on capital works carried out in the landfill to date (€3,000,000 approximately).
- d) the loan charges required for further works of €4.5 million in accordance with EPA licence requirements.
- e) the creation of a fund to be set aside for landfill aftercare and restoration.
- f) the provision required for new cell development for 2005 and 2006.

The funding of these works is based on anticipated volumes of 42,000 tonnes (excluding our own requirements under the Polluter Pays Principle as indicated in Programme Group 3) and a charge of €125 per tonne plus the levy of €15. This is an increase of €5 per tonne on 2004.

The landfill levy is paid over monthly to the D.E.H.L.G.'s Environmental Fund, which is distributed to finance beneficial environmental initiatives.

An amount of €15,000 is included in waste regulation to cover the fees payable to Offaly County Council for the operation of the waste collection permit system in the region. The provision of €100,000 also includes legal and other costs arising from enforcement action being taken in relation to unauthorised waste activities.

Significant funding is included for waste management and in particular recycling/waste minimisation to fund the programme of work of the Environmental Awareness Officer. The number of bring banks in the County has increased to forty in line with the target set out in the Midlands Waste Management Plan. The servicing of the bring banks places a substantial burden on the Council (€200,000 in 2005), part of which is offset by grant aid from the D.E.H.L.G. under the Environmental Fund. An amount of €75,000 in grant aid has been included for 2005 based on the anticipated receipts for 2004. Every effort is being made to ensure that the Council obtains value for money in this area

The budgeted provision of €155,000 for anti-litter measures covers the cost of the litter warden service, the clean up Laois week and other anti litter measures.

Substantial works have been carried out in the Landfill over the past 5 years. These works included the treatment of leachate, a Life pilot project for the treatment of leachate, the provision of a water main and improvements to the entrance, construction of new cells and other infrastructural works. The cell, currently in use, has a debit balance of €700,000 approximately to be funded.

In the 2002 budget €380,921 was provided to fund the capital works programme. This provision was reduced to €5,000 in 2003 and €8,000 in 2004 because of the difficulties the Council had in framing the budgets in those years. You will, also, be aware that the provision for cell development was reduced from €952,304 in 2002 to €405,000 in 2003 again because of the aforementioned reason. The amount included for cell development in 2004 was €1,040,000. Provision of €300,000 in 2005 is the minimum necessary to repay the existing capital balance of approximately 3,000,000.

Provision of €233,500 is made for the repayments of a loan of €4.5 million for capital works. This loan is required to pay the costs of remedial works at the landfill, which are urgently required to comply with the EPA licence.

A provision of €15,000 is included to fund the aftercare required when the landfill closes.

The cost of providing a new cell is approximately €2,500,000. The life of a cell is approximately 2 years and an amount of €1,250,000 is included for 2005.

A Waste Enforcement programme is included in the amount of €169,000. 2005 will be the second year of a five-year waste management programme involving the employment of three new enforcement officers and ancillary expenses. 80% of the 2005 programme will be funded from the Environmental Fund. Thereafter, the Council must on a sliding scale meet 40%, 60% and 80% of the cost of the following years.

Burial Grounds

Provision has been made for the continuation of the grant scheme to Burial Ground committees and the employment of a caretaker in Portlaoise Cemetery. The transfer to capital is to fund the expenditure already incurred on extending the burial grounds of Camross, Clonaslee and Killenard.

During 2004 the Council approved of the raising of a loan of €200,000 to cover the cost of development works on a number of burial grounds. A report on the projects involved will be presented to the January meeting of the Council.

Civil Defence

Expenditure on Civil Defence is based on the grant allocated by the Department of Defence who recoup 70% of the costs incurred.

Civil Defence is primarily an organisation comprising of volunteers and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking them for responding to the many calls for their service in 2004.

Fire Prevention

The budget provision is being increased to €2,665,000. No increase in the charge levied for the attendance at fire brigade call outs is being proposed.

Pollution Control

The Phosphorous Regulations require an improvement in river water quality with respect to phosphates by the year 2007. This programme group now includes the expenditure on phosphates (Barrow and Nore Rivers) and ground water protection that was previously included in programme group 3 in the 2004 budget. The amounts provided represent the minimum amounts required for this Council to fulfil its obligations under Environmental legislation.

In addition to its own laboratory at the Mountrath Road, Portlaoise the Council, also, avail of the Regional Laboratory in Kilkenny operated by the Environment Protection Agency.

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 – RECREATION & AMENITY

Estimated Expenditure €3,254,641

Estimated Income €619,050

Swimming Pools

The Members are aware of the proposals for capital improvement works to Portlaoise and Portarlington Swimming Pools. The estimated costs of these works amount to €14.68m and when grant aid and local assistance is taken into account, there is a net deficit of €6.98m to be financed from Council resources.

It is proposed to meet this requirement from the disposal of assets, the development levies scheme and the revenue budget. It is therefore necessary to fund the project over a number of years and I have included a sum of €150,000 for this purpose in 2005.

The Council will continue to provide financial support to the swimming pools in Portlaoise, Portarlington and Ballinakill.

Libraries

An additional €84,000 has been provided in 2005 for the operation of the Library service. Provision is made for the replacement of bookshelves in a number of the Libraries (phased basis) and for the automation of the Library system in Mountmellick and Rathdowney.

Provision for books to the value of €100,000 for the Abbeyleix Library development is included. This €100,000 together with €50,000 spent in 2004 amounts to three quarters of the required book stock for Abbeyleix. The Library Council will fund 50% of this expenditure.

The provision for books is being increased to €195,000. A grant of €24,000 from the Department of Education is, also, included.

€8,000 is included in the Archive estimate for the ongoing repayment of a €120,000 loan for the fitting out of the Council's storage area and archives facility in Kea-Lew Business Park, Portlaoise.

The total construction and fit-out costs of the Abbeyleix Library development is €1,517,000 (subject to revision) which will be grant aided to a maximum of 75%. The shortfall of €379,250 will be funded by an annual payment of €25,000 over 15 years.

A provision of €20,000 is included for the works carried out in renovating Portarlington, Rathdowney and Mountrath Libraries and for the provision of a new microfilm reader/printer in Library Headquarters.

Parks/Open Spaces

The sum of €108,000 includes provision for the People's Park and open spaces in Portlaoise, the park in Portarlinton and for essential repairs to the Sliabh Bloom Waymarked Way.

Sports Office

The budgeted provision of €134,000 for the Sports office includes the development of a Slí Na Sláinte Route in Rathdowney and Stradbally and the continuation of Club development programme and summer activities (Camp Co Co).

Heritage

The sum of €158,000 includes the implementation of the Laois Heritage Plan (2002 – 2006), the conservation of old St. Peter's graveyard, Portlaoise, the Mills Project and support for the Canon O'Hanlon Centenary Summer Schools. The maximum grant of €60,000 from the Heritage Council is dependent on this level of expenditure. €12,000 of the expenditure will be funded from a capital transfer.

Arts

The Arts Council, since 2000 has had a policy of funding the Dunamais Arts Centre to the same level as that provided by this Council. An amount of €130,000 is included as this Council's contribution for 2005.

For 2004 the Arts activities' budget included a net provision of €30,000 for the School of Music. This year's budget separates the School of Music from the programme of Arts activities. The School of Music will be funded by an amount of €30,000 from this Council with the remaining €165,000 being funded by the Arts Council, V.E.C. and fees payable by the students of the school.

A varied, comprehensive and wide-ranging programme of events will take place in 2005 and provision has been made for the Laois Youth Theatre, Woodland Sculpture Symposium, Summer Arts Programme, Festival events, Art exhibitions and many other activities. The employment of a writer in residence will be funded from capital.

An amount of €7,500 has been provided for grants to Arts organisations and individuals to further their artistic endeavours.

**PROGRAMME GROUP 7 – AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION,
HEALTH & WELFARE**

Estimated Expenditure €3,250,843

Estimated Income €2,586,503

Land Drainage

The provision for land drainage remains the same as for 2004 i.e. €270,000. The sum involved includes Statutory Demands for the Barrow Drainage (€240,069) and Goul Drainage Boards (€17,000). The balance of the budget is in respect of other rivers in the County.

River Basin Management

This Council is one of a number of Local Authorities involved in the South Eastern River Basin District Project (SERBD). An amount of €4,000 has been included to cover the cost of holding meetings with interest groups, advertisements and other miscellaneous costs.

Higher Education Grants

A sum of €1,650,000 is provided to meet the cost of higher education grants, all of which save for €13,497 is recoupable from the Department of Education and Science.

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 – Miscellaneous Services

Estimated Expenditure €4,992,627

Estimated Income €1,960,875

Overdraft Interest

A provision of €50,000 is included. This is a substantial reduction on what was provided for in 2004.

F.M.S. System

The members are aware that the Agresso Financial Management System was introduced in April 2001 and that a new debtors system was introduced in June 2003. Further enhancements to the system will take place in April 2005 and a provision of €40,000 is included for this purpose.

Local Elections

An amount of €10,000 was included in the 2004 budget on the basis that there was to be electronic voting. As electronic voting did not materialise substantial additional costs were incurred. It is proposed to fund the expenditure of €142,000 over four years commencing in 2005.

Food Safety Authority

The Council's costs are recouped from the fees paid by Abattoir owners and by a grant from the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Dog Control

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals provides this service for the County. The cost is funded partially by receipts from dog licences. A full review of the service is being carried out at present.

Central Management Charge

Estimated Expenditure €5,799,721

Expenditure in this area relates to services of a general nature, which are not specific to any programme group. These costs are summarised here and apportioned over the eight programme groups. The apportionment is on the basis of gross revenue expenditure (excluding central management charges) as directed by Departmental circulars.

Health and Safety

In previous years the budget for Health and Safety was included in each programme group. An amount of €94,610 is included here for 2005.

Office Accommodation

The provision for maintenance of office accommodation covers the costs of maintaining Council Offices at the Mill and Aras an Chontae, Portlaoise and the area offices of Portlaoise, Stradbally Borris in Ossory and Mountmellick.

A provision of €85,000 is included for improvements to Aras an Chontae and in particular the new customer service area in the old motor taxation office.

Information Communication Technology

Projects for 2005 include:

- a) providing wireless connections to obtain greater bandwidth and better value for money in the links between Aras an Chontae, the area and other office locations
- b) measures to protect the network from internet and email viruses
- c) providing a document management system
- d) upgrade of the storage area network
- e) upgrade of the projection equipment in the Council Chamber
- f) provision of new servers

The total cost of the above projects is €350,000 approximately and €70,000 is being provided each year over a five-year period

It is also planned to continue developing and improving the Council's web site.

Performance Management Development System (P.M.D.S.)

P.M.D.S. was introduced by the government to enhance the performance and development of employees in Local Government. The system was piloted in a number of Local Authorities during 2004. It will be implemented nationally in selected service areas commencing in January 2005. It will facilitate the preparation of personal and sectional business plans annually which will be evaluated on a regular basis.

Staff Training

The amount provided in 2004 for staff training was €168,500 and represented only the cost of actual training programmes. It did not include the cost of the personnel involved in providing the training or the cost of seminars attended. The salaries of the staff were included under the heading Salaries/Wages whilst the cost of seminars was charged to each programme group.

The amount provided for 2005 represents the cost of providing staff training in the Organisation rather than the just the cost of training programmes.

Contingency Fund

I have included a provision of €50,000 to deal with contingencies, which may arise, from time to time from weather conditions or other unplanned events.

Conclusion

In addition to the revenue expenditure contained in this draft budget the Council has a significant capital programme that will impact positively on the economic, social and physical fabric of County Laois. The attached County Manager's report provides an overview of this indicative capital programme.

The draft budget provides for revenue spending of €54,617,000, an increase of €4,252,618 or 8.44%% over that provided in 2004. The total estimated income is €31,411,190 leaving a net expenditure of €23,205,810. This will be financed from the local government fund of €15,968,396, commercial rates of €6,916,657 and an amount of €320,757 transferred from capital.

While financial resources do not permit all of the wishes of the Members to be met at this time the budget will enable the Council to continue to provide a wide range of services to the public. The adoption of the budget is a reserved function of the Council. It is a key decision as it effectively sets the level of spending for the year ahead.

I would like to thank you, Cathaoirleach, Members of the Corporate Policy Group and the Members of the Council for your support during the year and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Mr. Gerry Murphy and his staff in the Finance Section have undertaken the preparation of the budget and I thank him for his commitment and dedication. I would, also, like to record my appreciation to the Directors of Services and all the Administrative and Technical Heads of Departments for their assistance in compiling the draft budget for 2005.

I recommend that you adopt the draft budget as presented. I wish you well in your deliberations and every success in 2005.

Beannacht Leat
G. Gibson
County Manager

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
HOUSING AND BUILDING EXPENDITURE						
LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING						
111	Maint., Repair & Improvements	650,000	671,000	700,000	50,000	-
111	Pre-letting Repairs	160,000	415,000	250,000	90,000	-
	Central Heating Initiative		200,000	300,000	300,000	-
112	Rent & Annuity Collection	174,000	193,000	192,000	18,000	-
113	Estate Management	80,000	80,000	80,000	-	-
113	Knockmay Regeneration Programme	71,500	16,100	13,600	-	57,900
	Housing Allocations			106,116	106,116	-
117	Tenant Liaison Officer	37,000	37,000	44,000	7,000	-
117	Caretaker for the Aged and Disabled			33,000	33,000	-
117	Homeless Emergency Accommodation	26,000	67,000	80,000	54,000	-
118	Insurances, miscellaneous	135,000	135,000	136,000	1,000	-
118	Safety Measures	3,000	3,000	-	-	3,000
118	Building Control	36,000	28,000	30,000	-	6,000
118	Integrated Housing Package			25,000	25,000	-
119	Fire Insurance (Contra)	95,000	95,000	105,000	10,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,467,500	1,940,100	2,094,716	694,116	66,900
ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS HOUSING THEMSELVES						
121	Loan Charges (Interest) - O.P.W. Loans	147,578	147,578	66,000	-	81,578
122	Loan Charges (Interest) - H.F.A. Loans	802,320	802,300	1,000,000	197,680	-
123	H.F.A. Agency	113,007		-	-	113,007
127	Loan Charges Vol. Housing (Contra)	1,198,633	1,198,633	600,000	-	598,633
128	Miscellaneous- Cost of loans	22,500	22,500	22,500	-	-
129	Legal Fees	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	-
129	Refunds	19,000	19,000	19,000	-	-
129	Rental Subsidy Voluntary Housing (contra)	33,000	33,000	42,300	9,300	-
129	Mortgage Protection	135,000	135,000	140,000	5,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		2,481,038	2,368,011	1,899,800	211,980	793,218
ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES						
132	Loan Charges D.P.G./E.R.G.	56,112	52,396	52,300	-	3,812
132/3	Provision for Disabled Persons/E.R.G. Grants	1,800,000	2,630,677	1,508,000	-	292,000
134	Loan Charges on Supplementary Grants	9,000	2,371	-	-	9,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,865,112	2,685,444	1,560,300	-	304,812
ADMIN/MISCELLANEOUS						
181	Direct Admin & Overheads -					
	Other Expenses	50,000	50,000	52,000	2,000	-
	Salaries/travel	786,753	786,753	762,035	-	24,718
	Pensions	64,437	64,437	77,933	13,496	-
	Insurance	115,330	119,000	100,000	-	15,330
182	Central Management Charge	774,508	785,000	799,644	25,136	-
185	Traveller Settlement	108,800	108,800	78,220	-	30,580
185	Illegal Parking - Travellers/ Legal Costs	25,000	20,000	15,000	-	10,000
187	Agency-Portlaoise Town Council (Contra)	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,927,828	1,936,990	1,887,832	40,632	80,628
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		7,741,478	8,930,545	7,442,648	946,728	1,245,558

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY EXPENDITURE						
ROAD UPKEEP						
211	National Primary Roads	1,156,020	951,259	1,046,000	-	110,020
212	National Secondary Roads	667,831	643,359	708,000	40,169	-
213	Regional Roads (Restoration Mtce.)	308,546	342,792	377,000	68,454	-
214	Regional Roads (Discretionary Mtce.)	582,810	576,000	634,000	51,190	-
215	County Roads (Restoration Mtce.)	887,243	874,508	962,000	74,757	-
211	Traffic Calming	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	-
216	Public Lighting - Maintenance	400,000	400,000	438,000	38,000	-
	- New Lights	40,000	40,000	42,000	2,000	-
	- Loan Charges	31,000	31,000	10,000	-	21,000
219	County Roads (ordinary Mtce.)	1,024,000	1,024,000	1,106,000	82,000	-
219	Flashing Lights	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		5,147,450	4,932,918	5,373,000	356,570	131,020
ROAD IMPROVEMENT						
223	Regional Roads (Restoration Imp.)	1,189,103			-	1,189,103
	Regional Roads (Restoration imp.)	490,931	556,336	612,000	121,069	-
224	County Roads (Restoration Imp)	2,756,308	2,738,994	3,013,000	256,692	-
225	County Roads (Discretionary Imp.)	480,000	488,000	537,000	57,000	-
	Low Cost Measures		63,000	69,000	69,000	-
	Class 3 County Roads		203,000	223,000	223,000	-
225	Footpath Improvements	299,816	499,816	499,816	200,000	-
226	Community Involvement (grant)	137,132	209,680	231,000	93,868	-
	Community Involvement (Special)	43,815	43,815	44,000	185	-
	Community Involvement (Contrib)	41,139	26,125	45,125	3,986	-
2210	Non Public Roads - L.I.S (grant).	141,835	191,332	210,000	68,165	-
2210	Non Public Roads - L.I.S.(contrib)	46,412	38,358	50,358	3,946	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		5,626,491	5,058,456	5,534,299	1,096,911	1,189,103
ROAD TRAFFIC						
231	Traffic Management	142,300	229,495	285,000	142,700	-
233	School Warden Service	60,150	55,000	60,150	-	-
233	Safety / Education	11,850	11,500	12,000	150	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		214,300	295,995	357,150	142,850	-
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS						
281	Direct Admin & Overheads -					
	Miscellaneous/Public Liability Claims	82,000	83,000	77,000	-	5,000
	Safety Measures	2,800	2,800		-	2,800
	Salaries/travel	983,342	983,342	1,032,269	48,927	-
	Pensions	768,688	768,688	906,700	138,012	-
	Retirement Gratuities	200,000	400,000	90,000	-	110,000
281	Overheads (net)	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	-
281	Design Costs	160,000	180,000	147,250	-	12,750
281	Refundable Deposits (Contra)	90,000	90,000	100,000	10,000	-
281	Disposal of abandoned cars	4,000	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
282	Central Management Charge	1,595,165	1,645,000	1,763,024	167,859	-
283	Motor Taxation	420,000	420,000	470,000	50,000	-
287	Agency Services (contra)	500,000	500,000	550,000	50,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		4,955,995	5,224,830	5,288,243	464,798	132,550
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		15,944,236	15,512,199	16,552,692	2,061,129	1,452,673

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
WATER SUP AND SEWERAGE EXPENDITURE						
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES						
311	Operation / Maintenance	1,830,000	1,867,000	1,938,769	108,769	-
312	Phosphates	189,981		-	-	189,981
313	Ground Water Protection	20,000		-	-	20,000
314	Cost of Water Collection -					
	Salaries/travel	82,997	82,100	88,300	5,303	-
	Other Expenses	12,600	12,000	12,600	-	-
315	Adm Rural Water Supplies (contra)	367,200	223,000	269,822	-	97,378
316	Safety Officer/Measures	33,000	33,000	-	-	33,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		2,535,778	2,217,100	2,309,491	114,072	340,359
PUBLIC SEWERAGE SCHEMES						
321	Public Sewerage Scheme Maintenance	1,150,000	1,250,000	1,339,448	189,448	-
321	Sludge Treatment			280,000	280,000	-
323	Operation/Maint of Public Conveniences	65,000	65,000	69,000	4,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,215,000	1,315,000	1,688,448	473,448	-
PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS						
338	Data Capture (Contra)	37,385	37,385	55,000	17,615	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		37,385	37,385	55,000	17,615	-
ADMIN/MISCELLANEOUS						
381	Direct Admin & Overheads -					
	Misc Expenditure	42,000	38,000	40,000	-	2,000
	Salaries/travel	709,777	709,777	686,491	-	23,286
	Retirement Gratuities/Pensions	120,788	215,000	239,257	118,469	-
	Insurance	99,678	103,000	97,000	-	2,678
382	Central Management Charge	540,324	580,000	617,723	77,399	-
387	Agency Services (Contra)	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,612,567	1,745,777	1,780,471	195,868	27,964
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		5,400,730	5,315,262	5,833,410	801,003	368,323

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROL EXPENDITURE						
LAND USE PLANNING						
411	Building Control	86,000	28,000	30,000	-	56,000
411	Planning Control	1,087,110	1,087,110	765,000	-	322,110
411	Planning Enforcement			302,635	302,635	-
411	Forward Planning			410,000	410,000	-
411	Planning Miscellaneous	95,000	122,000	82,000	-	13,000
412	Statutory Development Plans	50,000	50,000		-	50,000
412	Planning Studies	12,500	12,500		-	12,500
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,330,610	1,299,610	1,589,635	712,635	453,610
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT						
421	Industrial Estates Mtce.	6,500	6,500	8,500	2,000	-
424	Co. Development Team/Economic Dev	197,498	197,498	203,000	5,502	-
425	County Enterprise Board (contra)	165,000	152,000	165,000	-	-
426	County Development Board	268,113	268,113	278,500	10,387	-
428	Community /Vol Fora (Contra)	30,000	39,765	30,000	-	-
428	Transfer to Capital	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		682,111	678,876	700,000	17,889	-
OTHER DEV / PROMOTION						
434	Shop Front Scheme	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-
434	Laois Leader Co.	6,350	6,350	6,350	-	-
434	General Development	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	-
434	Urban and Village Renewal	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-
436	Tourist Promotion -					
	East Coast & Midland Tourism	19,500	19,500	21,000	1,500	-
	Administration/Marketing	85,500	85,500	95,000	9,500	-
	Special Events	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-
438	Comhairle na nOg	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	-
438	Special Projects	7,000	7,000	7,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		193,850	193,850	204,850	11,000	-
REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTION						
441	Representational Functions	500		500	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		500	-	500	-	-
TWINNING OF L.A. AREAS						
461	Twinning of Local Authority Areas	500	850	1,000	500	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		500	850	1,000	500	-
ADMIN/MISCELLANEOUS						
481	Direct Admin & Overheads -					
	Other Expenditure	5,000	1,000	1,000	-	4,000
	Safety Measures	2,800	2,800		-	2,800
	Retirement Gratuities/Pensions	90,285	100,000	200,648	110,363	-
	Insurance	50,648	52,000	49,000	-	1,648
482	Central Management Charge	272,524	301,000	336,667	64,143	-
483	G.C.C.C.	13,900	13,900	15,800	1,900	-
485	LAMA	3,400	4,150	4,475	1,075	-
488	Grant to Town Councils	33,000	33,000	36,000	3,000	-
488	BMW Authority	44,843	44,956	47,493	2,650	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		516,400	552,806	691,083	183,131	8,448
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		2,723,971	2,725,992	3,187,068	925,155	462,058

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EXPENDITURE						
WASTE DISPOSAL						
511	Operation of Waste Disposal Site	1,193,831	1,253,831	1,138,101	-	55,730
	Operation of Civic Amenity Site			200,000	200,000	-
511	Landfill Levy (Contra)	570,000	640,000	660,000	90,000	-
513	Waste Regulation	50,000	15,000	100,000	50,000	-
513	Waste Management	149,000	203,700	305,000	156,000	-
513	Anti Litter Measures	147,000	147,000	155,000	8,000	-
513	Waste Enforcement (Contra)	157,000	169,000	169,000	12,000	-
517	Reduction in Capital Balances	8,000	8,000	300,000	292,000	-
517	Loan Charges - Kyletlisha	33,500	33,500	233,500	200,000	-
517	Fund for aftercare/reinstatement of Landfill	5,000	5,000	15,000	10,000	-
517	Cell development	1,040,000	1,040,000	1,250,000	210,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		3,353,331	3,515,031	4,525,601	1,228,000	55,730
BURIAL GROUNDS						
521	Burial Ground Upkeep	135,000	130,000	135,000	-	-
523	Burial Ground - Loan Charges	17,000	17,000	17,000	-	-
528	Burial Ground (Transfer to Capital)	65,500	65,500	65,500	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		217,500	212,500	217,500	-	-
SAFETY OF STRUCTURES & PLACES						
531	Civil Defence	109,287	136,787	115,500	6,213	-
532	Dangerous Buildings	500	500	500	-	-
533	Derelict Sites	500	500	500	-	-
534	Water Safety	4,000	4,000	4,300	300	-
538	Safety Measures	2,800	2,800	-	-	2,800
PROGRAMME TOTAL		117,087	144,587	120,800	6,513	2,800
FIRE PROTECTION						
541	Fire Fighting	2,195,000	2,125,000	2,330,000	135,000	-
543	Provision of Fire Equipment	80,000	80,000	80,000	-	-
544	Fire Prevention	120,000	110,000	120,000	-	-
548	Insurances/Courses/Emergency Plan	135,000	135,000	135,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		2,530,000	2,450,000	2,665,000	135,000	-
POLLUTION CONTROL						
551	Salaries / Travel	54,000	59,000	70,000	16,000	-
552	Laboratory Equipment	40,000	40,000	45,000	5,000	-
	Phosphates		189,981	256,000	256,000	-
	Ground Water Protection		20,000	90,000	90,000	-
554	Transfer to Capital	14,000	14,000	14,000	-	-
555	Regional Laboratory	100,825	100,440	103,333	2,508	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		208,825	423,421	578,333	369,508	-
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS						
580	Public Health Nuisances	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	-
581	Direct Admin & O/Hds- Misc	15,000	15,300	16,000	1,000	-
	- Salaries/travel	709,860	679,860	598,925	-	110,935
	- Ret Grat/Pensions	86,617	93,000	194,249	107,632	-
	- Insurance	152,472	156,000	120,000	-	32,472
582	Central Management Charge	822,001	882,000	1,063,163	241,162	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,789,450	1,829,660	1,995,837	349,794	143,407
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		8,216,193	8,575,199	10,103,071	2,088,815	201,937

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
RECREATION AND AMENITY EXPENDITURE						
SWIMMING POOLS						
612	Provision/Improvement (transfer to Capital)	83,000	83,000	150,000	67,000	-
612	Running costs & Imp of existing facilities	64,402	64,402	60,900	-	3,502
614	Loan Charges	12,500	12,500	12,500	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		159,902	159,902	223,400	67,000	3,502
LIBRARIES						
621	Operation	746,000	792,562	830,000	84,000	-
621	Book Fund Abbeyleix	100,000	50,000	100,000	-	-
623	Purchase of Books	184,000	191,000	195,000	11,000	-
624	Cont. to an Comhairle Leabharlanna	18,000	16,699	18,000	-	-
625	Archive Development	60,000	60,000	62,000	2,000	-
625	Archive - Transfer to Capital	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	-
627	Capital Transfer	10,500	10,500	45,000	34,500	-
627	Loan Charges/Capital Transfer	8,000	8,000	8,500	500	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,134,500	1,136,761	1,266,500	132,000	-

PARKS OPEN SPACES RECREATION CENTRES						
631	Maintenance-Millenium Park/Open Spaces	90,000	90,000	108,000	18,000	-
632	Sports Office	122,000	130,000	134,000	12,000	-
632	Workplace Health Promotion	46,000		46,000	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		258,000	220,000	288,000	30,000	-

OTHER RECREATION / AMENITY						
642	Freedom Of Information Act 1997	500	1,000	1,000	500	-
643	Heritage	128,300		158,000	29,700	-
643	Heritage Centre Abbeyleix	26,700	27,000	27,000	300	-
643	Community Initiatives	147,000		150,000	3,000	-
646	Laois Arts Centre & Company	110,000	110,000	130,000	20,000	-
646	Arts Activities	300,000	280,500	295,000	-	5,000
646	School of Music		150,000	195,000	195,000	-
646	Arts Act Grants	7,000	7,000	7,500	500	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		719,500	575,500	963,500	249,000	5,000

RECREATION AND AMENITY						
681	Direct Admin & Overheads - Misc Expenditure	15,440	1,000	1,000	-	14,440
	Safety Measures	2,800	2,800		-	2,800
	Salaries/travel	76,228	76,228	55,463	-	20,765
	Pensions	44,633	48,500	54,363	9,730	-
	Insurance	56,386	60,000	59,000	2,614	-
682	Central Management Charge	274,296	294,000	343,415	69,119	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		469,783	482,528	513,241	81,463	38,005
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		2,741,685	2,574,691	3,254,641	559,463	46,507

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
AGRIC/EDUC/HEALTH/WELFARE EXPENDITURE						
AGRICULTURE						
711	Pensions - former ACOT Employees	12,930	14,202	15,088	2,158	-
712	Disease of Animals	18,500			-	18,500
713	Land Drainage	270,000	265,000	270,000	-	-
713	River Basin Management	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-
716	Disposal of Dead Animals	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-
719	Control of Bees	500		500	-	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		309,930	287,202	293,588	2,158	18,500
EDUCATION						
721	Contribution to VEC	11,222	11,221	12,000	778	-
722	Superan of VEC Employees (Contra)	850,000	1,043,000	950,000	100,000	-
723	Higher Education Grants	1,500,000	1,590,257	1,650,000	150,000	-
726	Res. Homes and Special Schools	500			-	500
PROGRAMME TOTAL		2,361,722	2,644,478	2,612,000	250,778	500
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS						
781	Direct Admin & Overheads -					
782	Central Management Charge	297,004	297,004	345,255	48,251	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		297,004	297,004	345,255	48,251	-
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		2,968,656	3,228,684	3,250,843	301,187	19,000

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES EXPENDITURE						
PLANT & MATERIALS						
821	Council Plant Maintenance (Contra)	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,290,000	90,000	-
824	Purchase of Materials (Contra)	100,000	100,000	110,000	10,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,300,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	100,000	-
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT						
831	Rate Collection	415,000	435,000	474,000	59,000	-
831	Hand Held Terminals (to Capital)	22,521	22,521	-	-	22,521
832	Refund of Rates	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	-
833	Irrecoverable Rates	149,800	160,000	160,000	10,200	-
834	Overdraft Interest	150,000	30,000	50,000	-	100,000
835	Bank Charges	20,371	20,500	20,000	-	371
836	F.M.S. System			40,000	40,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		765,692	676,021	752,000	109,200	122,892
ELECTIONS						
841	Register of Electors	46,000	46,000	51,000	5,000	-
842	Local Elections	10,000	10,000	35,500	25,500	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		56,000	56,000	86,500	30,500	-
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION						
851	Courthouses	25,000	22,000	23,000	-	2,000
852	Coroners Inquest	46,000	46,000	48,000	2,000	-
854	Food Safety Authority	140,000	158,000	200,000	60,000	-
857	Pounds	2,500		1,000	-	1,500
857	Dog Control	108,440	108,440	113,559	5,119	-
857	Control of Horses	44,500	22,000	25,000	-	19,500
PROGRAMME TOTAL		366,440	356,440	410,559	67,119	23,000
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS						
881	Direct Admin & Overheads -					
	Insurances	69,486	73,000	69,000	-	486
	Salaries	379,550	369,000	375,673	-	3,877
	Retirement Gratuities/Pensions	39,511	53,000	119,850	80,339	-
	Safety Measures	2,800	2,800		-	2,800
882	Central Management Charge	462,958	482,000	530,830	67,872	-
885	Rates on Council Property	203,627	210,245	222,860	19,233	-
888	Miscellaneous	74,624	74,000	72,500	-	2,124
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,232,556	1,264,045	1,390,713	167,444	9,287
891	Allowance of Cathaoirleach	32,375	32,375	34,300	1,925	-
891	Allowance of Leas Cathaoirleach	8,094	8,094	8,575	481	-
892	Members Expenses	257,500	257,500	272,500	15,000	-
892	Members Salaries	398,956	398,956	406,400	7,444	-
892	Members Gratuities	32,000	37,200	20,000	-	12,000
892	P.C.'s for Councillors	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-
893	Foreign Travel	39,140	39,140	41,400	2,260	-
894	Strategic Policy Committees	36,680	36,000	36,680	-	-
895	Regional Authority	87,000	105,969	118,000	31,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		906,745	930,234	952,855	58,110	12,000
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		4,627,433	4,582,740	4,992,627	532,373	167,179

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005		
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE	DECREASE
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT. CHARGE						
EXPENDITURE						
911	Salaries / Wages	2,667,938	2,601,000	2,684,000	16,062	-
911	Pensions	184,677	384,000	282,168	97,491	-
	Health and Safety			94,610	94,610	-
915	Office Accomodation - Co Hall	750,000	770,000	855,000	105,000	-
	Other Office Accomodation	90,000	100,000	153,000	63,000	-
	Improvements to Office Accomodation			85,000	85,000	-
915	Postage	110,000	110,000	70,000	-	40,000
915	Telephones	90,000	90,000	90,000	-	-
915	Photocopying/printing/requisites	106,000	86,000	88,000	-	18,000
916	Information Communications Technology	307,605	320,000	415,000	107,395	-
916	L.G.C.S.B.	193,100	193,100	230,469	37,369	-
919	Subscriptions to Other Bodies -				-	-
	Management Services Board	30,000	30,000	34,824	4,824	-
	C.C.M.A.	1,000	950	950	-	50
	I.P.A.	5,100	5,100	5,200	100	-
919	Media	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-
921	Audit	39,000	39,000	41,000	2,000	-
923	Recruitment / Removal Expenses	105,000	100,000	108,000	3,000	-
925	Partnership	126,860	126,860	129,500	2,640	-
	P.M.D.S.			20,000	20,000	-
925	Staff Training	168,500	180,000	300,000	131,500	-
925	Usaid Na Gaeilge	6,000	6,000	10,000	4,000	-
925	Staff Welfare	17,000	17,000	17,000	-	-
	Contingency Fund			50,000	50,000	-
925	HR/Corporate Affairs	36,000	36,000	31,000	-	5,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		5,038,780	5,200,010	5,799,721	823,991	63,050

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
HOUSING AND BUILDING INCOME					
LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING					
111	Management of Halting Sites		56,030	71,647	71,647
111	Central Heating Initiative		142,000	240,000	240,000
112	Housing Rent Collection	1,620,000	1,800,000	1,850,000	230,000
113	Knockmay Regeneration	34,500		5,200	-
114	Fire Insurance (Contra)	95,000	95,000	105,000	10,000
117	Caretaker for the Aged and Disabled			21,579	21,579
117	Homeless/Emergency Accom	23,400	112,500	72,000	48,600
118	Integrated Housing Package			10,000	10,000
118	Other Income	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,773,900	2,207,530	2,377,426	632,826
ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS HOUSING THEMSELVES					
121	Housing Loan Repayments	944,819	944,819	1,066,000	121,181
125	Housing Loan Legal Fees	600	600	600	-
126	H.F.A. Commission	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
129	Interest Certs	100	100	100	-
129	Mortgage Protection (Contra)		140,000	140,000	140,000
129	Housing Loan Application Fees	1,300	2,400	2,000	700
129	Rental Subsidy Voluntary Housing (Contra)	33,000	33,000	42,300	9,300
129	Voluntary Housing (Contra)	1,198,633	1,198,633	600,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		2,180,952	2,322,052	1,853,500	271,181
ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES					
131	Reconstruction Loan Application Fees	600	300	300	-
132	Recoupment Disabled Persons/E.R.G Grants	1,200,000	1,753,785	1,000,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,200,600	1,754,085	1,000,300	-
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
181	Superannuation	76,505	83,000	98,000	21,495
185	Traveller Settlement	85,076	85,076	70,000	-
185	Other Income	4,000	7,000	4,000	-
187	Agency Services (Contra)	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
188	Private Rented Dwellings	9,000	5,300	3,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		177,581	183,376	178,000	21,495
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		5,333,033	6,467,043	5,409,226	925,502

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY INCOME					
ROAD UPKEEP					
211	Nat. Primary Roads	1,156,020	951,259	1,046,000	-
212	Nat. Secondary Roads	667,831	643,359	708,000	40,169
213	Regional Roads (Restoration Mtce.)	308,546	342,792	377,000	68,454
215	Regional Roads (Discretionary Mtce.)	582,810	576,000	634,000	51,190
	County Roads (Restoration Mtce.)	887,243	874,508	962,000	74,757
PROGRAMME TOTAL		3,602,450	3,387,918	3,727,000	234,570
ROAD IMPROVEMENT					
223	Regional Roads (Restoration Imp.)	1,189,103			-
225	Regional Roads (Restoration Imp.)	490,931	556,336	612,000	121,069
224	County Roads (Restoration Imp)	2,756,308	2,738,994	3,013,000	256,692
	County Roads (Discretionary Imp)	480,000	488,000	537,000	57,000
	Low Cost Measures		63,000	69,000	69,000
	Class 3 County Roads		203,000	223,000	223,000
226	Community Involvement (grant)	137,132	209,680	231,000	93,868
226	Community Involvement (Contrib)	41,139	26,125	45,125	3,986
228	Non Public Roads - L.I.S (grant).	141,835	191,332	210,000	68,165
228	Non Public Roads - L.I.S.(contrib)	46,412	38,358	50,358	3,946
PROGRAMME TOTAL		5,282,860	4,514,825	4,990,483	896,726
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT					
230	School Warden Service	35,124	35,100	49,700	14,576
231	Parking Fees/Fines	300,000	450,000	500,000	200,000
238	Hackney License Fees	13,100	13,500	15,000	1,900
PROGRAMME TOTAL		348,224	498,600	564,700	216,476
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
281	Refundable Deposits (Contra)	90,000	90,000	100,000	10,000
283	Superannuation	187,000	201,000	240,000	53,000
	Motor Taxation		13,500	15,000	15,000
287	Agency Services (contra)	500,000	500,000	550,000	50,000
288	Road Opening Fees	54,000	20,000	20,000	-
288	Other Income	6,500	2,000	2,000	-
288	Excess Weight Fines	6,000	10,000	10,000	4,000
288	Certs Roads in Charge	2,500	3,500	3,500	1,000
288	Overline Bridges Recoupment	33,165	33,165	33,500	335
	Abnormal Loads	7,600			-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		886,765	873,165	974,000	133,335
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		10,120,299	9,274,508	10,256,183	1,481,107

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE INCOME					
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY					
311	Recoupment Fluoridation Exp.	40,000	45,000	45,000	5,000
311	Recoupment Offaly Co. Co.	120,000	124,000	124,000	4,000
311	Fees for Water Connections	90,000	90,000	100,000	10,000
311	Building Water	26,700	43,000	35,000	8,300
314	Water Charges	1,000,000	1,140,000	1,200,000	200,000
315	Admin Rural Water Supplies (contra)	350,000	204,631	251,453	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		1,626,700	1,646,631	1,755,453	227,300
PUBLIC SEWERAGE					
321	Sewer Connections	10,000	36,000	25,000	15,000
321	Recoupment Offaly Co. Co.	75,000	70,000	70,000	-
323	Public Conveniences	10,500	6,800	7,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		95,500	112,800	102,000	15,000
PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS					
338	Data Capture (Contra)	35,885	35,885	52,000	16,115
PROGRAMME TOTAL		35,885	35,885	52,000	16,115
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
381	Superannuation	101,365	108,000	130,000	28,635
381	Other Income	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
387	Agency (Contra)	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		208,365	215,000	237,000	28,635
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		1,966,450	2,010,316	2,146,453	287,050

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROLS INCOME					
LAND USE PLANNING					
411	Percolation Tests	105,000	131,000	190,000	85,000
411	Planning Application Charges	680,000	1,100,000	900,000	220,000
411	Planning Register Copies	2,920	3,300	4,000	1,080
411	Development Plan Copies	2,600	3,000	10,000	7,400
411	Commencement Notices	42,000	60,000	60,000	18,000
411	Other Income	10,000	20,000	25,000	15,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		842,520	1,317,300	1,189,000	346,480
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT					
425	County Enterprise Board (contra)	165,000	152,000	165,000	-
426	County Development Board	7,000	7,000	9,500	2,500
428	Community and Vol Fora (Contra)	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		202,000	189,000	204,500	2,500
OTHER DEV / PROMOTION					
PROGRAMME TOTAL		-	-	-	-
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
482	Superannuation	40,865	45,000	52,500	11,635
488	Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		41,865	46,000	53,500	11,635
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		1,086,385	1,552,300	1,447,000	360,615

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INCOME					
WASTE DISPOSAL					
511	Landfill Fees	4,560,000	4,560,000	5,500,000	940,000
511	Government Levy (Contra)	570,000	570,000	660,000	90,000
513	Bring Banks/Civic Amenity	31,000	75,000	75,000	44,000
513	Waste Enforcement (Contra)	157,000	169,000	135,200	-
513	Litter Fines	38,000	30,000	38,000	-
513	Other	6,350	20,000	30,400	24,050
PROGRAMME TOTAL		5,362,350	5,424,000	6,438,600	1,098,050
BURIAL GROUNDS					
521	Burial Ground Fees	35,000	36,000	37,000	2,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		35,000	36,000	37,000	2,000
SAFETY OF STRUCTURES & PLACES					
531	Civil Defence Grant	76,500	104,000	80,000	3,500
532	Derelict Site Levies	3,800		3,800	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		80,300	104,000	83,800	3,500
FIRE PROTECTION					
541	Fire Charges	133,000	90,000	100,000	-
541	Contributions from other Local Authorities	32,000	33,000	35,000	3,000
548	Fire Safety Certs	200,000	205,000	205,000	5,000
PROGRAMME TOTAL		365,000	328,000	340,000	8,000
POLLUTION CONTROL					
551	Pollution Licences	30,000	23,500	25,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		30,000	23,500	25,000	-
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
581	Superannuation	46,475	50,500	59,500	13,025
588	Other Income	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		48,475	52,500	61,500	13,025
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		5,921,125	5,968,000	6,985,900	1,124,575

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
RECREATION AND AMENITY INCOME					
SWIMMING POOLS					
611	Swimming Pool				-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		-	-	-	-
LIBRARIES					
621	Annual Fees/Fines	54,600	56,000	60,000	5,400
621	School Library Grant	24,000	24,000	24,000	-
621	Book Fund Abbeyleix	50,000		75,000	25,000
621	Other Receipts	13,000	2,000	2,000	-
625	Archive Development	22,000	22,000	26,050	4,050
PROGRAMME TOTAL		163,600	104,000	187,050	34,450
PARKS OPEN SPACES RECREATION CENTRES					
632	Sports Forum	20,000	31,000	25,000	5,000
632	Workplace Partnership	41,000	41,000	41,000	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		61,000	72,000	66,000	5,000
OTHER RECREATION / AMENITY					
643	Heritage	60,150	60,150	60,000	-
646	Arts Officer-Salary Recoupment	21,000	21,000	26,383	5,383
646	School of Music (incl Arts Grant)		120,000	165,000	165,000
646	Arts Council Grant & Misc	83,500	83,500	67,617	-
PROGRAMME TOTAL		164,650	284,650	319,000	170,383
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
682	Superannuation	36,355	36,355	47,000	10,645
PROGRAMME TOTAL		36,355	36,355	47,000	10,645
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL		425,605	497,005	619,050	220,478

	BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
	ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
AGRIC, EDUC, HEALTH / WELFARE INCOME				
AGRICULTURE				-
PROGRAMME TOTAL	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION				
722 Subsidy VEC Pensions (Contra)	850,000	1,042,880	950,000	100,000
723 Higher Education Grant Recoupment	1,486,503	1,577,460	1,636,503	150,000
723 Refund of Higher Educ Grants				-
PROGRAMME TOTAL	2,336,503	2,620,340	2,586,503	250,000
HEALTH AND WELFARE				
PROGRAMME TOTAL	-	-	-	-
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS				
PROGRAMME TOTAL	-	-	-	-
PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL	2,336,503	2,620,340	2,586,503	250,000

		BUDGET 2004		BUDGET 2005	
		ADOPTED	OUTTURN	TOTAL	INCREASE
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES INCOME					
PLANT & MATERIALS					
821	Machinery/Materials (Contra)	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	100,000
	PROGRAMME TOTAL	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	100,000
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT					
831	Valuation Certs/Revisions	2,600	1,000	1,000	-
838	F.M.S. System (contra)				-
	PROGRAMME TOTAL	2,600	1,000	1,000	-
ELECTIONS					
841	Sales of Electoral Register	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
	PROGRAMME TOTAL	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION					
857	Courthouses	15,000	14,500	15,000	-
857	Control of Horses	38,000	22,000	25,000	-
857	Dog License Fees/Fines	41,650	41,650	41,650	-
	PROGRAMME TOTAL	94,650	78,150	81,650	-
MARKET / ABATTOIRS					
854	Abattoir Fees		18,000	20,000	20,000
854	Food Safety Authority	140,000	140,000	180,000	40,000
	PROGRAMME TOTAL	140,000	158,000	200,000	60,000
ADMIN / MISCELLANEOUS					
882	Superannuation	33,220	37,500	44,785	11,565
883	Rent County Hall	660	660	660	-
888	Partnership	83,666	83,666	86,000	2,334
888	Miscellaneous	93,760	101,000	117,905	24,145
892	Members Salaries	38,956	38,956	27,875	-
	PROGRAMME TOTAL	250,262	261,782	277,225	38,044
	PROGRAMME GROUP TOTAL	1,788,512	1,799,932	1,960,875	198,044

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TABLE A	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
PROGRAMME GROUP AND SUB PROGRAMMES	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out-turn	Adopted by Council
HOUSING AND BUILDING							
Local Authority Housing	2,094,716		2,377,426		1,467,500	1,940,100	1,773,900
Assistance to Persons Housing Themselves	1,899,800		1,853,500		2,481,038	2,368,011	2,180,952
Assistance to persons improving houses	1,560,300		1,000,300		1,865,112	2,685,444	1,200,600
Admin / Misc	1,887,832		178,000		1,927,828	1,936,990	177,581
TOTAL	7,442,648		5,409,226		7,741,478	8,930,545	5,333,033

TABLE A	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
PROGRAMME GROUP AND SUB PROGRAMMES	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out-turn	Adopted by Council
ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY							
Road Upkeep	5,373,000		3,727,000		5,147,450	4,932,918	3,602,450
Road Improvement	5,534,299		4,990,483		5,626,491	5,058,456	5,282,860
Road Traffic	357,150		564,700		214,300	295,995	348,224
Admin / Misc	5,288,243		974,000		4,955,995	5,224,830	886,765
TOTAL	16,552,692		10,256,183		15,944,236	15,512,199	10,120,299

TABLE A PROGRAMME GROUP AND SUB PROGRAMMES	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out- turn	Adopted by Council
WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE							
Public Water Supply Schemes	2,309,491		1,755,453		2,535,778	2,217,100	1,626,700
Public Sewerage Supply Scheme	1,688,448		102,000		1,215,000	1,315,000	95,500
Private Installations	55,000		52,000		37,385	37,385	35,885
Admin / Misc	1,780,471		237,000		1,612,567	1,745,777	208,365
TOTAL	5,833,410		2,146,453		5,400,730	5,315,262	1,966,450

TABLE A PROGRAMME GROUP AND PROGRAMMES	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS							
Land Use Planning	1,589,635		1,189,000		1,330,610	1,299,610	842,520
Industrial Development	700,000		204,500		682,111	678,876	202,000
Other Development and Promotion	204,850		0		193,850	193,850	0
Representational Functions	500				500	500	
Promotion of Interests of the Local Community							
Twinning of Local Authority Areas	1,000				500	1,000	
Admin / Misc	691,083		53,500		516,400	552,806	41,865

TOTAL	3,187,068		1,447,000		2,723,971	2,726,642	1,086,385
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TABLE A PROGRAMME GROUP AND PROGRAMMES	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out-turn	Adopted by Council
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION							
Waste Disposal	4,525,601		6,438,600		3,353,331	3,515,031	5,362,350
Burial Grounds	217,500		37,000		217,500	212,500	35,000
Safety of Structures and Places	120,800		83,800		117,087	144,587	80,300
Fire Protection	2,665,000		340,000		2,530,000	2,450,000	365,000
Pollution Control	578,333		25,000		208,825	423,421	30,000
Admin / Misc	1,995,837		61,500		1,789,450	1,829,660	48,475
TOTAL	10,103,071		6,985,900		8,216,193	8,575,199	5,921,125

TABLE A PROGRAMME GROUP AND PROGRAMMES	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out-turn	Adopted by Council
RECREATION AND AMENITY							
Swimming Pools	223,400		0		159,902	159,902	0
Libraries	1,266,500		187,050		1,134,500	1,136,761	163,600
Parks, Open Spaces Recreation Centres etc.	288,000		66,000		258,000	220,000	61,000
Other Recreation and Amenity	963,500		319,000		719,500	575,500	164,650
Admin / Misc	513,241		47,000		469,783	482,528	36,355

TOTAL	3,254,641		619,050		2,741,685	2,574,691	425,605
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TABLE A PROGRAMME GROUP AND PROGRAMMES	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out-turn	Adopted by Council
AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE							
Agriculture	293,588		0		309,930	287,202	0
Education	2,612,000		2,586,503		2,361,722	2,644,478	2,336,503
Health & Welfare							
Admin / Misc	345,255		0		297,004	297,004	
TOTAL	3,250,843		2,586,503		2,968,656	3,228,684	2,336,503

TABLE A PROGRAMME GROUP AND PROGRAMMES	2005				2004		
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		EXPENDITURE		INC
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Adopted by Council	Estimated out-turn	Adopted by Council
Plant & Materials	1,400,000		1,400,000		1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Financial Management	752,000		1,000		765,692	676,021	2,600
Elections	86,500		1,000		56,000	56,000	1,000
Administration of Justice & Consumer Protection	410,559		81,650		366,440	356,440	94,650
Markets, Fairs and Abattoirs			200,000				140,000
Admin / Misc	1,390,713		277,225		1,232,556	1,264,045	250,262
Allowance of Cathaoirleach	34,300				32,375	32,375	
Allowance of leas Cathaoirleach	8,575				8,094	8,094	
Expenses of Members and Conferences	272,500				257,500	257,500	
Expenses of Members Attending Conferences Abroad	41,400				39,140	39,140	
Strategic Policy Committees	36,680				36,680	36,000	
Regional Authority	118,000				87,000	105,969	
Member salary/gratuity/p.c.	441,400				445,956	436,156	
TOTAL	4,992,627	-	1,960,875	-	4,627,433	4,567,740	1,788,512

TOTAL ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS	54,617,000	-	31,411,190	-	50,364,382	51,430,962	28,977,912
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COME

Estimated out-
turn

2,207,530

2,322,052

1,754,085

183,376

6,467,043

COME

Estimated out-
turn

3,387,918

4,514,825

498,600

873,165

9,274,508

COME

Estimated out-
turn

1,646,631

112,800

35,885

215,000

2,010,316

COME

1,317,300

189,000

0

46,000

1,552,300

COME

Estimated out-
turn

5,424,000

36,000

104,000

328,000

23,500

52,500

5,968,000

COME

Estimated out-
turn

0

104,000

72,000

284,650

36,355

497,005

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	0
	2,620,340
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Estimated out- turn	
	1,300,000
	1,000
	1,000
	78,150
	158,000
	261,782
1,799,932	

30,189,444

TABLE B
CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION *
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

I. Gross Revenue Expenditure (Per Table A)	Col. 1
	€
1. Housing & Building	7,442,648
2. Road Transportation & Safety	16,552,692
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	5,833,410
4. Development Incentives & Control	3,187,068
5. Environmental Protection	10,103,071
6. Recreation & Amenity	3,254,641
7. Agriculture, Education & Health	3,250,843
8. Miscellaneous Services	<u>4,992,627</u>
Total	54,617,000
Plus County Charge (Town/Borough Councils)	
Minus County Charge (County Councils)	
Plus provision for Debit Balance	
Adjusted Gross Expenditure (A)	54,617,000
II. Gross Revenue Income (Per Table A)	
1. Housing & Building	5,409,226
2. Road Transportation & Safety	10,256,183
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	2,146,453
4. Development Incentives & Control	1,447,000
5. Environmental Protection	6,985,900
6. Recreation & Amenity	619,050
7. Agriculture, Education & Health	2,586,503
8. Miscellaneous Services	<u>1,960,875</u>
Total = (B)	31,411,190
III. Net Expenditure (A - B) = (C)	23,205,810
IV. Other Income/Credit Balance	
Provision for Credit Balance	320,757
Local Government Fund Income	15,968,396
Sub - Total = (D)	16,289,153
V. Amount of Rates to be levied = (C) - (D)	6,916,657
VI. Net Effective Valuation	120,395
VII. General Annual Rate on Valuation	57.4497
* YEAR 1 = The forthcoming Financial Year	
** YEAR 2 = The current Financial Year	

YEAR 1

Estimated Out Turn for Year 2	
Col. 2	
€	
	8,930,545
	15,512,199
	5,315,262
	2,726,642
	8,575,199
	2,574,691
	3,228,684
	<u>4,567,740</u>
	51,430,962
	51,430,962
	6,467,043
	9,274,508
	2,010,316
	1,552,300
	5,968,000
	497,005
	2,620,340
	<u>1,799,932</u>
	30,189,444
	21,241,518

TABLE C

**CALCULATION OF THE ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION FOR *YEAR
Laois County Council**

Name of Town	Money Demanded by Councillors		Irrecoverable rates & cost of collection		Total sum to be raised (sum of col. 3 & col. 5)
	Adopted	Estimate	Estimated	Adopted	
	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6
	€	€	€	€	€
Portlaoise	72,865				72,865
Mountmellick	30,154				30,154
Total					

*YEAR 1 = The forthcoming Financial Year

Certificate of Adoption

I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of Laois County Council held this 20th day of December 2004 the Council by its resolution for the year ending 31st Day of December, 2005 the budget set out in Tables A, B and C* and by Resolution determined in accordance with the Rates set out in Tables B and C* to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in the

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Countersigned: _____
County Manager

Dated:

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Rateable Valuation Multiplier to meet the sum required in col. 6	
Col. 7	
	1.6846
	2.3067

Resolution adopted for the financial
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hose Tables.