



He advised that an examination of all expenditure to substantiate the necessity for the current scope/scale of all work programmes across all divisions had been carried out. Every effort has been made to minimise the burden on local businesses and consumers by ensuring that there are no increases in commercial rates or water charges.

The draft budget provides for revenue spending of €53,931,000 which is the amount required to meet the expenses and to provide for the liabilities and requirements of Laois County Council during the year ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2014.

The Members collectively and individually complemented the staff involved in the preparation of the budget. After a lengthy discussion, during which all questions raised were answered, the Annual Budget for 2014 was unanimously adopted as presented on the proposal of Councillor John King seconded by Councillor Tom Mulhall.

The County Manager thanked Mr. Gerry Murphy, Head of Finance, Ms. Julie Bergin, Financial/Management Accountant, the Directors of Service and all staff for the efficiency and professionalism with which the draft budget had been prepared. The County Manager welcomed the support of the Elected Members and acknowledged the flexibility of staff during 2013.

#### **127. PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL WORKS FOR 2014, 2015 and 2016**

The members were circulated with the indicative list of the likely capital projects to be undertaken over the next three years and this was noted on the proposal of Councillor Rotimi Adebari seconded by Councillor James Deegan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
CORPORATE AFFAIRS**