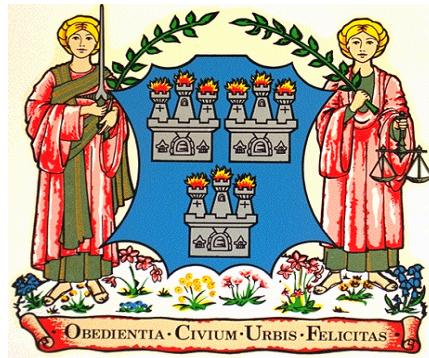


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Buiséid a tionóladh ar 26 Samhain 2020 sa Seomra Cruinn, Teach an Ardmhéara, dráid Dhasain, Baile Átha Cliath 2 agus Fáschomhdhail Cianda ag 6.15 pm. I Láthair an tArdmheara Hazel Chu sa chathaoir

Attendance:

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Claire Byrne
Hazel Chu
Caroline Conroy
Joe Costello
Daithi De Róiste
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Anthony Flynn
James Geoghegan
Jane Horgan-Jones
Dermot Lacey
Micheál Mac Donncha
Ray McAdam
Seámas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
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Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Catherine Stocker

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Vincent Jackson
John Lyons
Tina MacVeigh
Eimer McCormack
Carolyn Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Oifigigh

Enda Currid
Owen P. Keegan
Fintan Moran
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh
Caroline Fallon

Ruth Dowling
Yvonne Kelly
Eileen Quinlivan
Richard Shakespeare

John Flanagan
Brendan Kenny
Kathy Quinn
Oliver Douglas

- 1 Consideration of the Draft Revenue Budget for the local financing year ending the 31st December 2021 (Report No. 286/2020) including: Resolution on whether to vary the Vacancy Refund Rate and Resolution to adopt or amend the Chief Executive's Draft Budget.

The Lord Mayor thanked the Head of Finance, Kathy Quinn and the budget consultative committee chaired by Councillor Seamás McGrattan for all their work in putting together the budget especially in the current climate.

The Head of Finance gave a presentation on the budget proposals before the meeting. Discussion of the proposed budget then followed.
A copy of the presentations is attached as **Appendix A** to these minutes.

- 2 By resolution to adopt such Draft Budget either with or without amendment and to determine in accordance with such Budget as so adopted the annual rate on valuation to be levied for several purposes in such Budget.

It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Heney, Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Cllr. Michael Pidgeon and Cllr. Catherine Stocker "That the Budget for the local financial year ending 31st December, 2021 and set out in report No. 286/2020 be and is hereby amended by Dublin City Council by an:

Increase/decrease in expenditure of (€ value) as under:

- H0303 – Refunds & Irrecoverable Rates - €3m (reducing the proposed vacancy refund from 50% to 30%)
- J0801 – Area Offices +€3m (Reinstating the Area Office Discretionary Fund)

	<u>SUB-SERVICE</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		€	€
Division A			
Division B			
Division C			
Division D			
Division E			
Division F			
Division G			
Division H	H0302	3,000,000	
Division J	J0801		3,000,000
<u>INCOME</u>			
Division A			
Division B			
Division C			

Division D			
Division E			
Division F			
Division G			
Division H			
Division J			

The motion was put to a vote and carried. Results of this vote are contained in **Appendix B**.

As this approved motion superseded any other motion that might propose to defer or further amend the draft budget, were deemed to have fallen.

To determine the vacancy refund for the local financial year ending 31st December 2021 at 30% - it was moved by Councillor Terence Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Michael Pidgeon as follows "It is hereby resolved under section 71 of the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1930 as amended by section 31 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 ("the Act) that owners of vacant premises which are located within all eleven Dublin City Local Electoral Areas shall be entitled to claim and receive 30% (thirty percent) rates refund for the 2021 local financial year and that the proportion of rates refund shall operate within the meaning of section 14(1) of the Act". The resolution was put and carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Seamás McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan "That Dublin City Council hereby determines in accordance with the said Budget, appropriately amended, as adopted, the annual rate on valuation of **0.268** to be levied in the City of Dublin for the several purposes specified in the said adopted Budget as appropriately amended for the local financial year ending 31st December 2021". The motion was put and carried.

Draft Revenue Budget 2021

Statutory Budget Meeting

November 26th 2020

Budget Summary 2021

	Adopted 2020 €m	Draft 2021 €m	Movement €m
Gross Expenditure	1,028.3	1,079.6	51.3
Gross Income	630.3	668.2	37.9
Net Expenditure	398.0	411.4	13.4
<u>Funded By</u>			
Net Credit Balance	17.4	26.2	8.8
Commercial Rates	357.5	362.0	4.5
LPT	23.1	23.2	0.1
Total	398.0	411.4	13.4

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These increases in expenditure and income principally relates to Housing – Homeless Services, Ras and Hap

There is some buoyancy on rates

2020 Government Support

- ▶ 9 months commercial rates waiver €155m
- ▶ Specified rates waived from 27.03.20 to 27.12.20

Rates Waiver Schemes 2020			
	2020 Rates liability (€m)	2020 Accounts	Rates
▶ Total	€357m	20,400	
Covered by Waiver Scheme	€154.6m	18,254	
Not Covered by Waiver Scheme	€202.4m	2,146	

- ▶ Re Start Grants €98m

2020 Government Support

43% of Rates covered by waiver scheme, 57% not

Special rates waiver €155m
 provided from 27.03.20 to 27.12.20

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Special Rates Waiver		€357m	20,400
Special Rates Waiver		€154.6m	18,254
Special Rates Waiver Scheme		€202.4m	2,146

89% of ratepayers cover by waiver scheme, 11% not

▶ Re Start Grants €98m

2020 Government Support

- ▶ Letter from Ministers O'Brien and McGrath:
- ▶ *... It is our intention... to reallocate any funding not drawn down under the €900m rates waiver in 2020 to support local authorities to meet costs and income losses that have arisen directly as a result of the pandemic...*
- ▶ Estimate applied in draft budget of €27m re Covid support re additional expenditure / loss of goods & services income, full value €41.8m
- ▶ Exact allocation not confirmed

2021 Government Commitment

- ▶ Letter dated 12th November 2020 stating;

Should financial pressures present re:

- (1) Commercial rates and*
- (2) Other income pressures*

- Exchequer support will be available
- Goods & Services Income stated at 2020 levels

2021 Budgetary Pressures

- ▶ Significant degree of uncertainty in 2021
- ▶ Objective to maintain service provision at 2020 level
- ▶ No provision for Area Office discretionary fund (€3m)
- ▶ National Pay Agreement, cost to DCC €1.9m
- ▶ Loan Borrowings €3.2m
- ▶ Covid Costs €11.7m
- ▶ No increase in charges

Commercial Rates

	€m
Budgeted Rates Income 2021	362.0
Rates Income 2020	<u>357.5</u>
Increased Income 2021	4.5
Buoyancy 2021	<u>4.5</u>

- Proposed 2021 GARV is 0.268
- No change to 2020 GARV
- Conscious of difficult trading environment & need to maintain support & competitiveness

Analysis of Ratepayers

Charge	No. of Accounts	Cumulative Accounts Total	% Accounts per Band	Cumulative % Accounts Total	% of Annual Debit	Cumulative % Total of Debit
€1 - €999	1,910	1,910	9.39%	9.39%	0.33%	0.33%
€1,000 - €3,000	5,776	7,686	28.39%	37.78%	3.15%	3.48%
€3,000 - €5,000	3,652	11,338	17.95%	55.73%	3.99%	7.46%
€5,000 - €10,000	3,978	15,316	19.55%	75.29%	7.81%	15.27%
€10,000 - €25,000	2,880	18,196	14.16%	89.45%	12.41%	27.69%
€25,000 - €50,000	1,098	19,294	5.40%	94.84%	10.78%	38.46%
€50,000 - €75,000	402	19,696	1.98%	96.82%	6.79%	45.26%
€75,000 - €100,000	168	19,864	0.83%	97.65%	4.05%	49.31%
€100,000 - €500,000	413	20,277	2.03%	99.68%	22.76%	72.07%
€500,000 +	66	20,343	0.32%	100.00%	27.93%	100.00%
TOTAL	20,343		100.00%		100.00%	

Rate Vacancy Refund

- ▶ Current business climate unrecognisable to business climate when 2020 Budget adopted.
- ▶ Vacant units are more visible in Dublin – both City centre and villages.
- ▶ Uncertainty on what can be a viable business model for some sectors in some locations.
- ▶ As it is in all of our interests to address the quantum of vacant properties, it is essential to consider the associated penalties *in this specific economic climate*

Rate Vacancy Refund

- ▶ Local Government Reform Act makes determining level of vacancy refund per electoral area a reserved function
- ▶ 2020 vacancy refund rate is 25%
- ▶ 2021 draft budget proposes a 50% vacancy refund rate.
- ▶ Reconsider again for the 2022 budget.
- ▶ Additional expenditure of €3.75m

Allocation of LPT Funding – Y2020 & Y2021

	2020	2021	Movement
	€m	€m	€m
Value of LPT Receipts est. by Rev Commissioners	80,298,493	81,654,541	1,356,048
20% to Central Equalisation Fund	16,059,699	16,330,908	271,210
80% LPT retained (assigned to DCC)	64,238,794	65,323,633	1,084,838
Value of 15% reduction	12,044,774	12,248,181	203,407
LPT Funding	52,194,020	53,075,452	881,431
<i>Distribution of LPT Funding</i>			
Self Funding – Housing & Roads	29,083,504	29,897,133	813,629
Pension Related Deduction (PRD)	16,428,262	16,428,262	-
Historic Funding (General Purpose Grants)	2,667,330	2,667,330	-
Discretionary Funding	4,014,924	4,082,727	67,803
	52,194,020	53,075,452	881,432

Allocation of LPT Funding – Y2020 & Y2021

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	€m	€m	€m
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Government Grants

Grants by Department	2021	2020	2020R
Housing, Local Government & Heritage	318,886,720	281,429,213	472,165,742
Rural & Community Development	9,535,000	9,033,000	10,754,750
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	2,396,000	2,311,000	2,311,154
Enterprise Ireland	1,944,786	1,801,875	101,980,780
Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth	1,696,141	1,696,205	1,696,141
Health	820,615	925,176	820,615
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports & Media	726,000	568,000	942,394
Environment, Climate and Communications	522,570	522,570	539,527
Social Protection	475,000	500,000	422,413
Defence	410,000	390,000	426,000
National Transport Authority	330,000	340,000	325,000
Justice	211,954	201,695	206,071
Other Departments	48,963	57,963	147,029
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	40,000	50,000	20,000
Transport	0	0	50,000
	338,043,749	299,826,697	592,807,616

Dept of Housing – Analysis of Main Grants

	2021	2020	2020R
Homeless	143,246,382	161,823,185	137,715,677
Homeless Covid	37,103,382	-	32,035,260
AHB Leasing	29,000,000	23,500,000	27,000,000
Payroll Compensation	28,766,000	24,656,370	24,656,370
HAP Homeless	15,618,481	13,770,930	16,269,956
CLSS Funding	14,164,874	8,812,612	8,325,844
RAS	13,085,000	15,615,306	14,500,000
Social Housing PPP	9,075,386	535,250	1,484,457
DPG	6,817,442	6,765,242	6,817,442
Long Term Housing Leasing	5,465,000	5,100,000	4,250,000
Covid 19 support	-	-	27,000,000

Homeless

	2021 – Draft		2020 – Adopted		2020 - Revised	
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>
	€m		€m		€m	
Expenditure	166.2	100%	184.9	100%	160.7	100%
<u>Income</u>						
DoHLG&H	143.2	86.2%	161.8	87.5%	137.7	85.7%
Dublin LA's	7.3	4.4%	7.3	3.9%	7.3	4.5%
Other (HSE/Health & Misc)	<u>1.0</u>	<u>0.6%</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>0.6%</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>0.6%</u>
Total Income	151.5	91.2%	170.2	92.0%	146.0	90.8%
DCC Contribution	14.7	8.8%	14.7	8.0%	14.7	9.2%
Total Expenditure	166.2	100%	184.9	100%	160.7	100%

Homeless

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	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>
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Total Income	151.5	91.2%	170.2	92.0%	146.0	90.8%
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Reduction in spend value

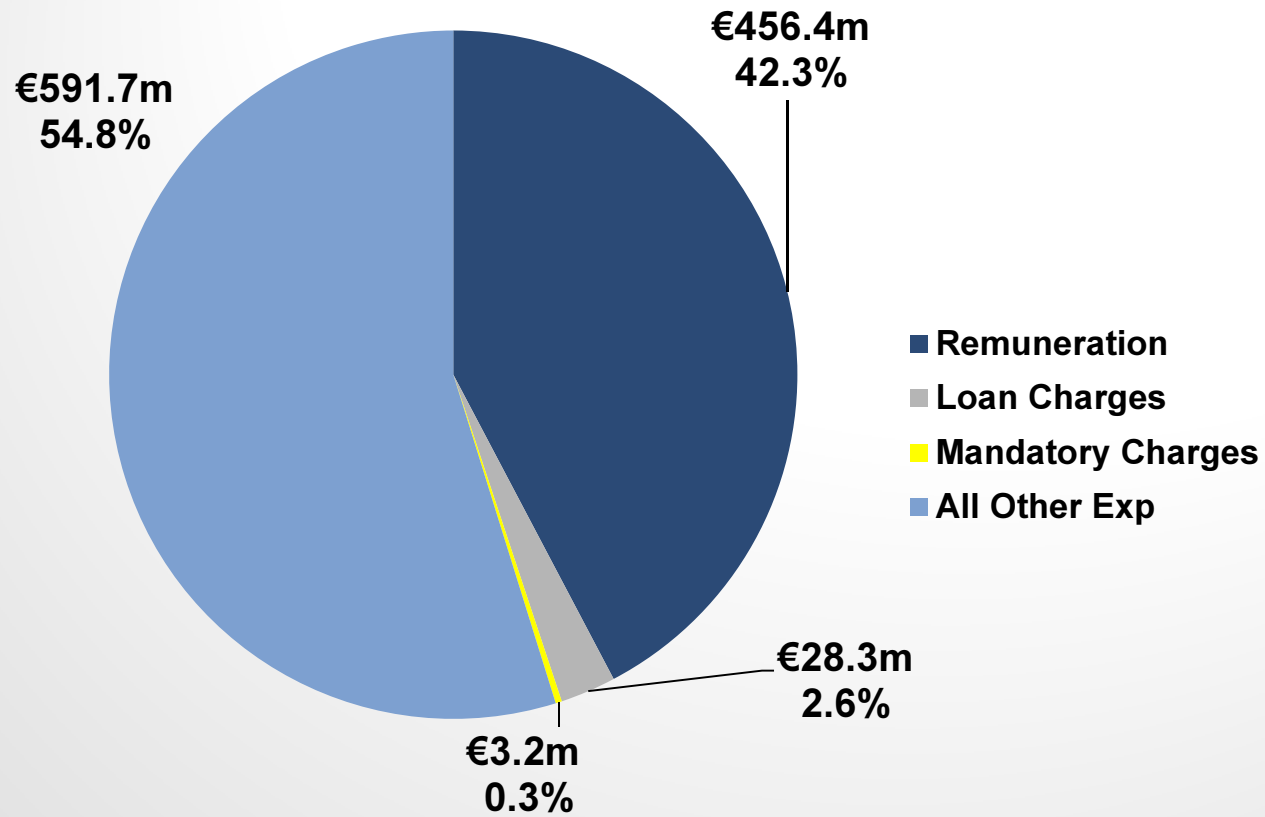
Covid Homeless

	2021 - Draft		2020 - Adopted		2020 - Revised	
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>% Share</i>
	€m				€m	
Expenditure	41.2	100%			35.6	100%
DoHLG&H Recoupment	37.1	90%			32.0	90%
Net Cost	4.1	10%			3.6	10%

Analysis of Homeless Expenditure

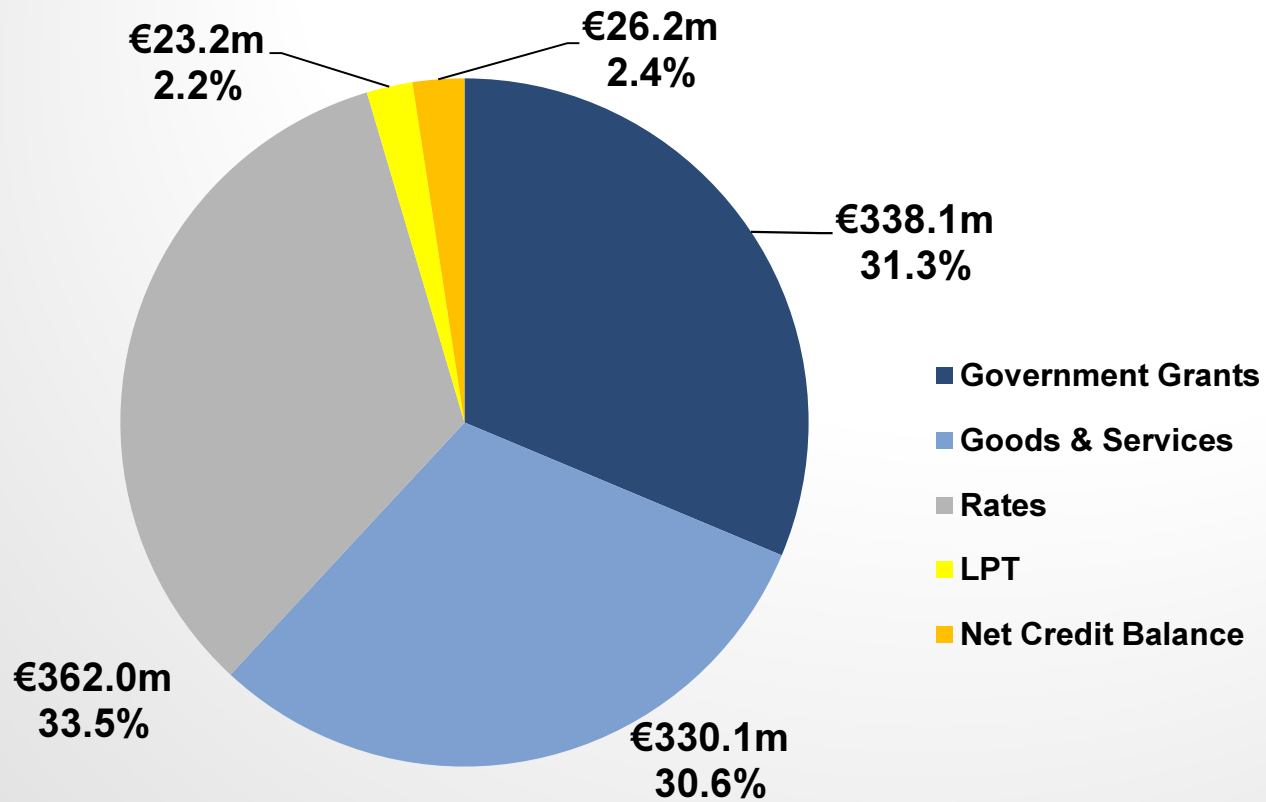
	2021 - Draft	2020 - Adopted	2020 - Revised
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
	€m	€m	€m
Total Expenditure	208.7	186.1	197.2
DoHLG&H	181.5	162.9	170.5
Dublin LA's	7.3	7.3	7.3
Other (HSE/Health & Misc)	1.1	1.2	1.1
Net Cost to DCC	18.8	14.7	18.3

Estimated Gross Expenditure Elements 2021



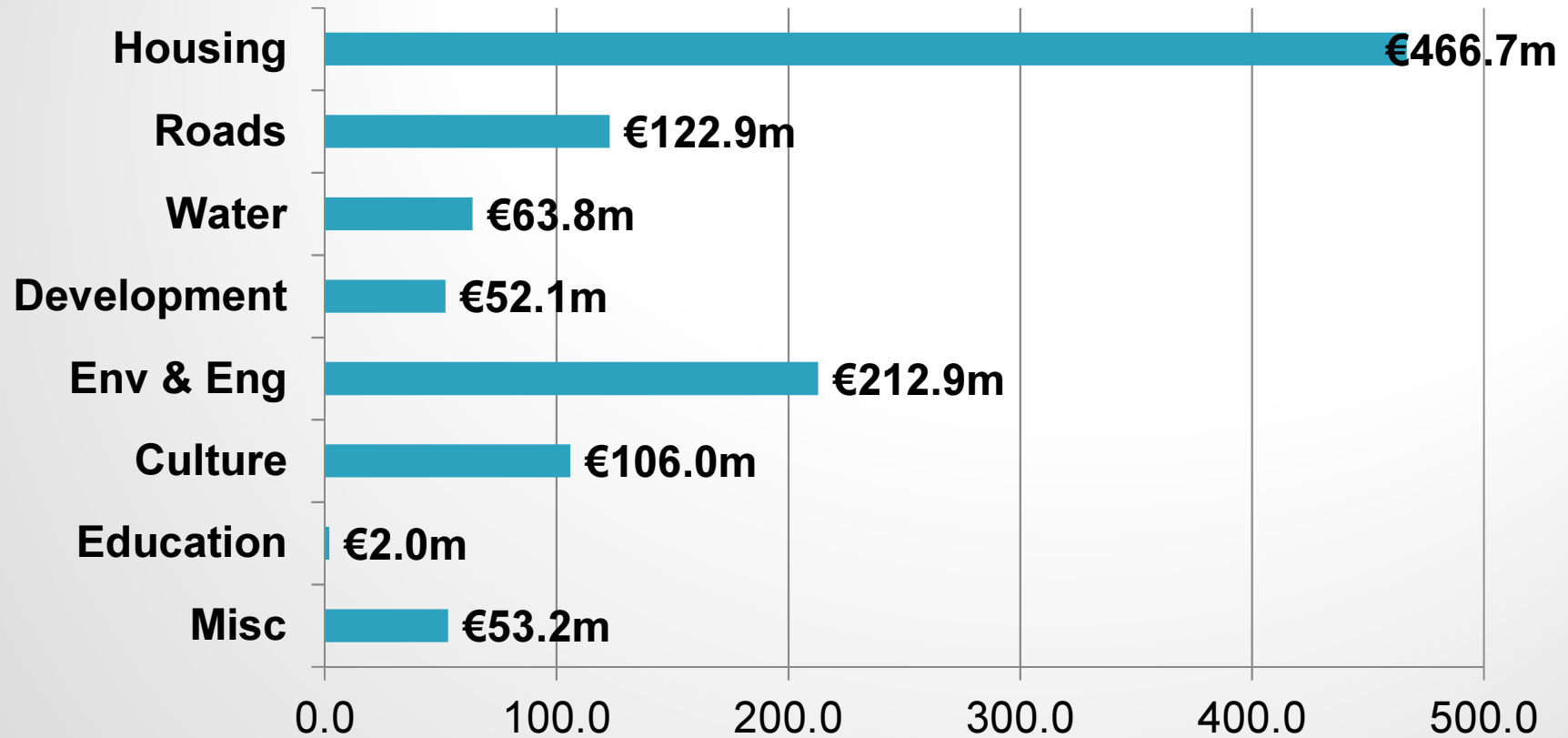
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Estimated Sources of Funding 2021



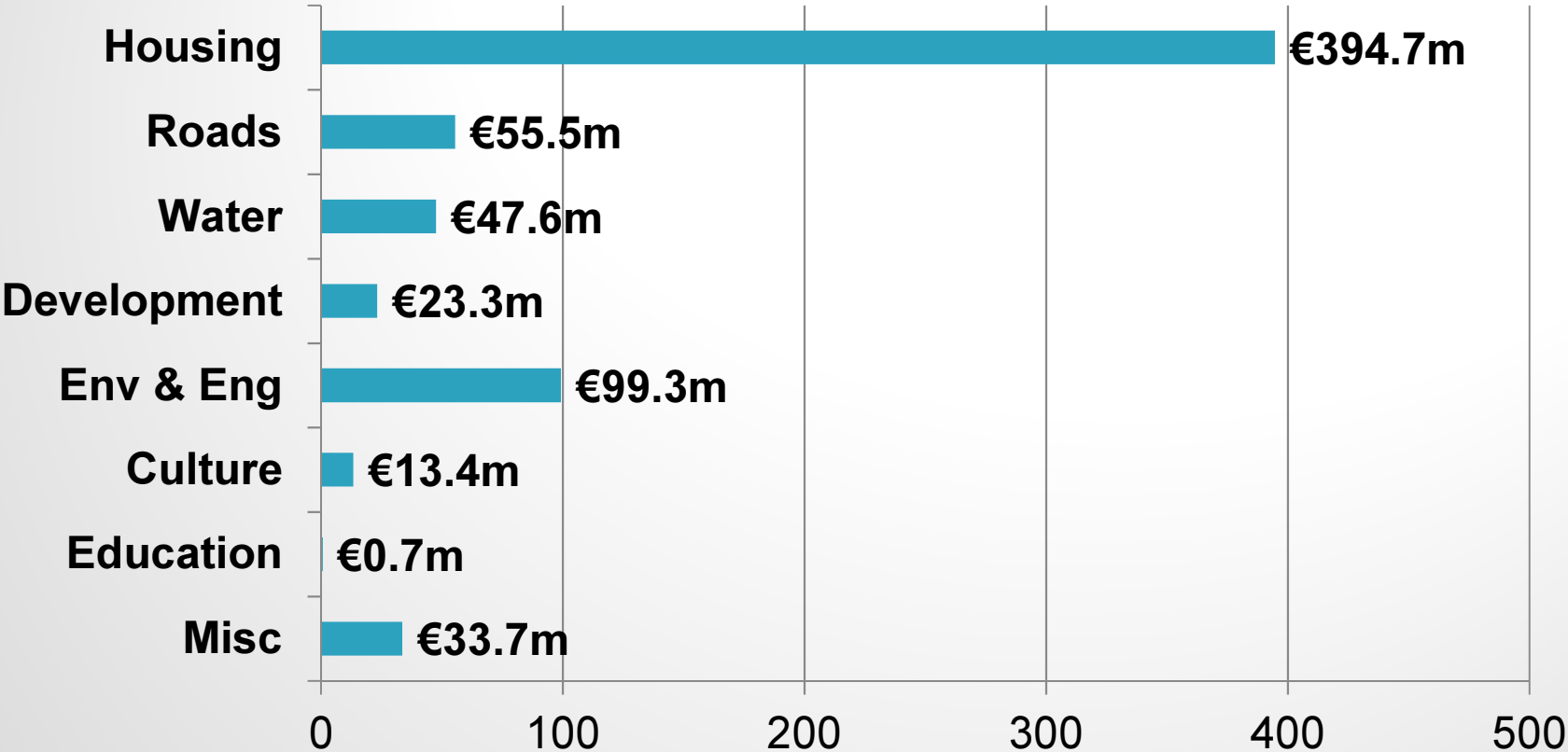
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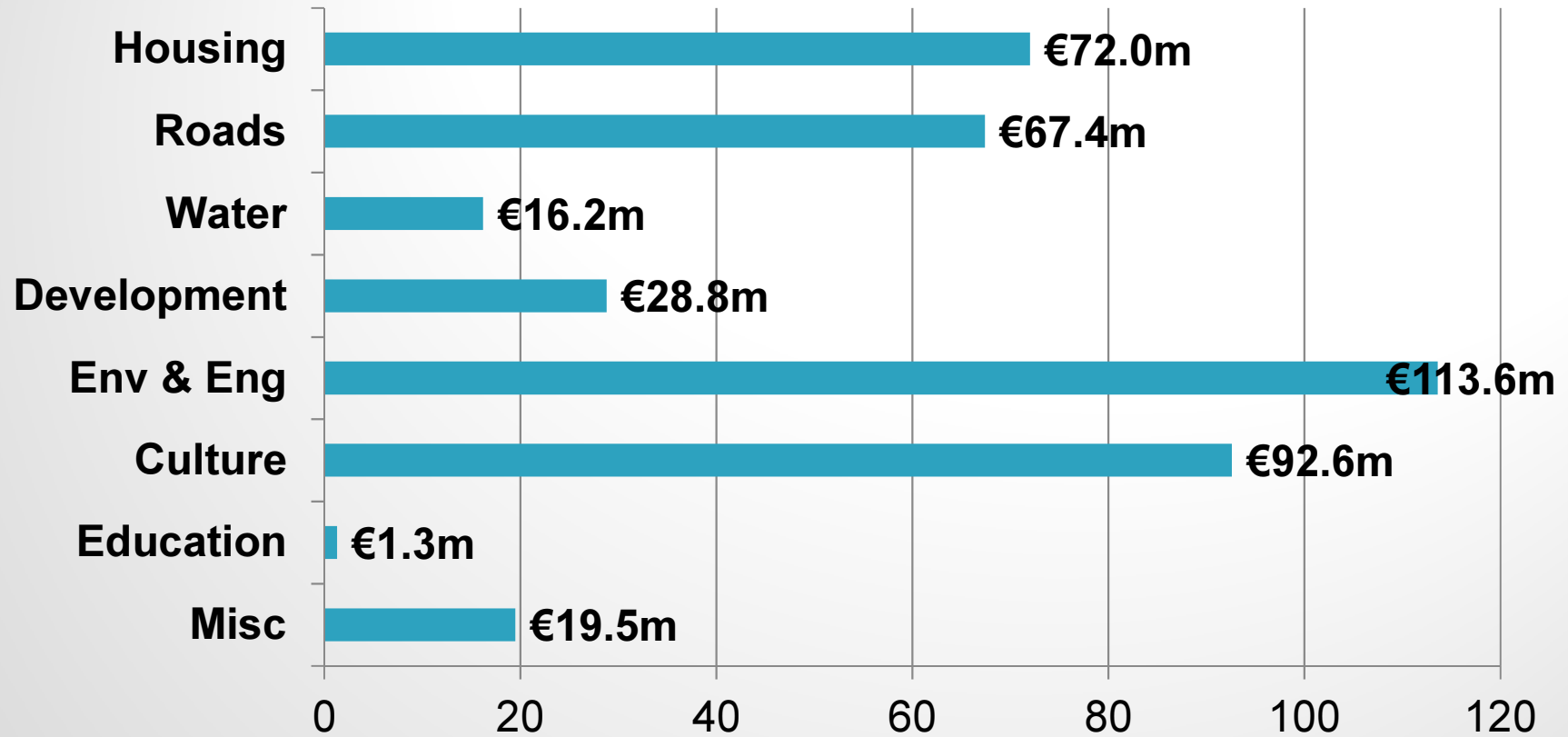
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Estimated Gross Income 2021



Total: €668.2m

Estimated Net Expenditure 2021



Total: €411.4m

Resolutions for Consideration

- ▶ Resolution to determine the level of vacancy refund - *proposed in the draft budget to increase from 25% to 50%*
- ▶ Resolution to adopt the Annual Budget for 2021 with or without amendment
- ▶ Resolution to determine the General Annual Rate on Valuation - *proposed in the draft budget to remain unchanged at 0.268 GARV*

Appendix B - Recorded Vote No. 1

Motion No. 1 Proposal to amend the Budget proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Heney, Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Cllr. Michael Pidgeon and Cllr. Catherine Stocker.

Councillor Daryl Barron	For
Councillor Racheal Batten	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	For
Councillor Claire Byrne	For
Councillor Danny Byrne	For
Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan	For
Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	For
Councillor Keith Connolly	For
Councillor Caroline Conroy	For
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	For
Councillor Donna Cooney	For
Councillor Joe Costello	For
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Councillor Eimer McCormack	For
Councillor Declan Meenagh	For
Councillor Carolyn Moore	For
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	For
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	For
Councillor Colm O'Rourke	For
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	For
Councillor Catherine Stocker	For
Councillor Michael Watters	For
Councillor Janice Boylan	Against
Councillor Christy Burke	Against
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
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Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
Councillor John Lyons	Against
Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha	Against
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	Against
Councillor Seamas McGrattan	Against
Councillor Naoise Ó'Muirí	Against
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	Against
Councillor Larry O'Toole	Against
Councillor Cieran Perry	Against
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	Against
Councillor Nial Ring	Against