

Report on Development Contribution Scheme

In Circular Fin 19/2006 I was advised that the Minister wished to emphasise the importance of providing detailed information to elected members on development levies in the context of the local authority budgetary process.

While income from this source has to be used for designated capital purposes, he requested that full information on this funding should be made available so that the elected members can take a wider, more comprehensive view of the council's financial position and spending plans at budget time. I include the following information to council members, in the context of the 2010 budget meeting:

- an up-to-date statement of the total balance of income from this source,
- an estimate of the amount of development levies that will be collected in 2010, and
- an indicative statement of the council's proposals on the application of this funding in 2010.

In addition to the above I have also included the following information which may be useful to the Members:

- an up-to-date statement of the various schemes to which levies have been allocated to date (there will be further allocations made in finalising the 2009 AFS).
- A breakdown by Electoral Area of the manner in which the levies have been allocated to date.

Section 48 of the Planning & development Act 2000, enables Local Authorities when granting a permission under Section 34 of the Act to include conditions for requiring the payment of a contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Planning authority and that is provided by or on behalf of a Local authority (regardless of other sources of funding for the infrastructure and facilities).

Over the past 6 years in which the new contribution levy scheme has been in operation the following are the amounts **received** under the various headings by Sligo Co Co:

Scheme	€April'04 to Nov09
A Village Improvements	€1,487K
A Water Dev Levy	€6,143K
A Waste Water Dev Levy	€4,427K
A Cultural and Community Dev levy	€1,484K
A Car Parking Spaces	€311K
B Roads Dev Levy	€101K
B Open Spaces Dev Levy	€125K
B Cultural and Community Dev Levy	€72K
B Water and Waste Levy	€905K
Special Levy Carney WWTP	€248K
Special Levy Coolaney WWTP	€1,215K
Totals	€16,518K

In the same period in which the new contribution levy scheme has been in operation the following are the main projects to which development levies funds have been **allocated**.

Scheme	€April '04 to Nov '09
Ballisodare Sewerage Scheme	€496K
Monasteraden Sewerage Scheme	€120K
Cloonacool Sewerage Scheme	€282K
Aclare Sewerage Scheme	€109K
Strandhill Sewerage Scheme	€42K
Grange Sewerage Scheme	€72K
Tubbercurry Sewerage Scheme	€39K
Teesan/Lisnalurg Sewerage Scheme	€3,013K
Dromore West WWTW	€1,769K
Coolaney WWTW	€1,147K
Carney WWTW	€242K
Gurteen WWTW	€687K
Ballybeg Sewerage Scheme	€86K
Ballymote Sewerage Treatment Plant	€38K
Riverstown Sewerage Treatment Plant	€15K
Ballinafad Sewerage Treatment Plant	€29K
Enniscrone Water Treatment Plant	€330K
Pilot Metering Project	€661K
Other Small Water & Sewerage Schemes	€398K
Foxes Den	€490K
Cartron Bay Project	€120K
Ardnaglass Brifge to Mullaghen Watermain Upgrade	€157K
Grange Res to Grange Village Watermain Upgrade	€319K
Tubbercurry Stormwater System	€385K
Loan Charges Waste Water Plants	€278K
Village & Town Footpaths Improvements Programme	€897K
Riverstown Community Park	€200K
New Sligo Museum	€532K
Enniscrone Water Point	€630K
Playgrounds & Community	€614K
Car Parks	€234K
Capital projects development costs	€455K
Totals	€15,169K

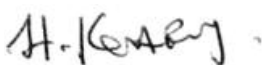
On an Electoral Area basis the above sums would break down as follows:

Electoral Area	€April '04 to Nov '09
Sligo/Drumcliffe	€5,516K
Sligo/Strandhill	€339K
Dromore West	€2,577K
Ballymote	€1,478K
Tubbercurry	€3,421K
Capital Repayment on Loan Charges Waste Water Plants	€277K
Capital project development costs	€1,061K

There will be further allocations made from the levies income to various schemes before the end of the current financial year to finance additional costs incurred. What is clear from the figures in this report is that Sligo Co Co are investing development levy income as it arises.

In 2010 a number of schemes set out on pages 73 to 75 of the 3 Year Capital Programme 2010-2012 will be funded to varying degrees from the Development levies income.

I would estimate that income arising from the scheme in 2010 would be in the region of €1M.



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