

Local Government Overview

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LG Division – 7 Sections

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Cross Divisional Special COVID-19 Co-ordination Arrangements (at least until August 10)

- Co-ordination of response to COVID-19
- Business Continuity and Essential Services
- Community Call
- Emergency Mgt. incl. excess mortality
- Funding

Local Government Structures & Modernisation

- Review “Putting People First”
- Review Municipal Districts
- Pilot projects
 - Tipperary Town;
 - Drogheda & Dundalk, and
 - Sligo.
- Cross boundary governance:
 - Cork
 - Galway
 - Urban Area Committee legislation
- Our Public Service 2020
 - Work and Workplace.

Local Government Governance & Elected Members

- Directly Elected Mayor for Limerick - May 2021 deadline
 - Dublin LG arrangements and DEM – Citizens Assembly (D/Taoiseach)
- Role and Remuneration of Elected Members - Moorhead
- Participation of women and broader diversity in local government.
- Oversight:
 - New Code of Corporate Governance for Local Authorities
 - Network of LA Audit Committee Chairpersons

Local Government Finance

- Financial Review of LA funding in light of Covid-19
 - Commercial Rates Strategy – 3 month waiver
- LPT allocation process 2021
- Baseline Review (linked to LPT review)
- Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019
- Ongoing, individual LA funding issues e.g. Sligo; Clare; Galway County and Waterford

Table of Revenue and Capital Expenditure 2015 – 2018

	Revenue Expenditure	Capital Expenditure**	Total Expenditure
2015	3.793bn	1.373bn	5.166bn
2016	4.009bn	1.454bn	5.463bn
2017	4.224bn	1.738bn	5.962bn
2018	4.635bn	2.324bn	6.959bn
Change 2015 to 2018	22%	64%	36%

LG Funding

COMBINED LOCAL AUTHORITY
BUDGET 2020

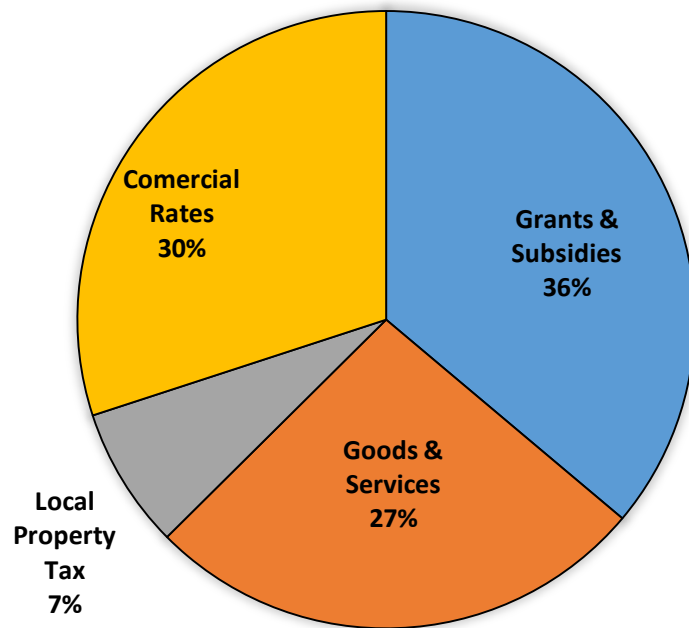
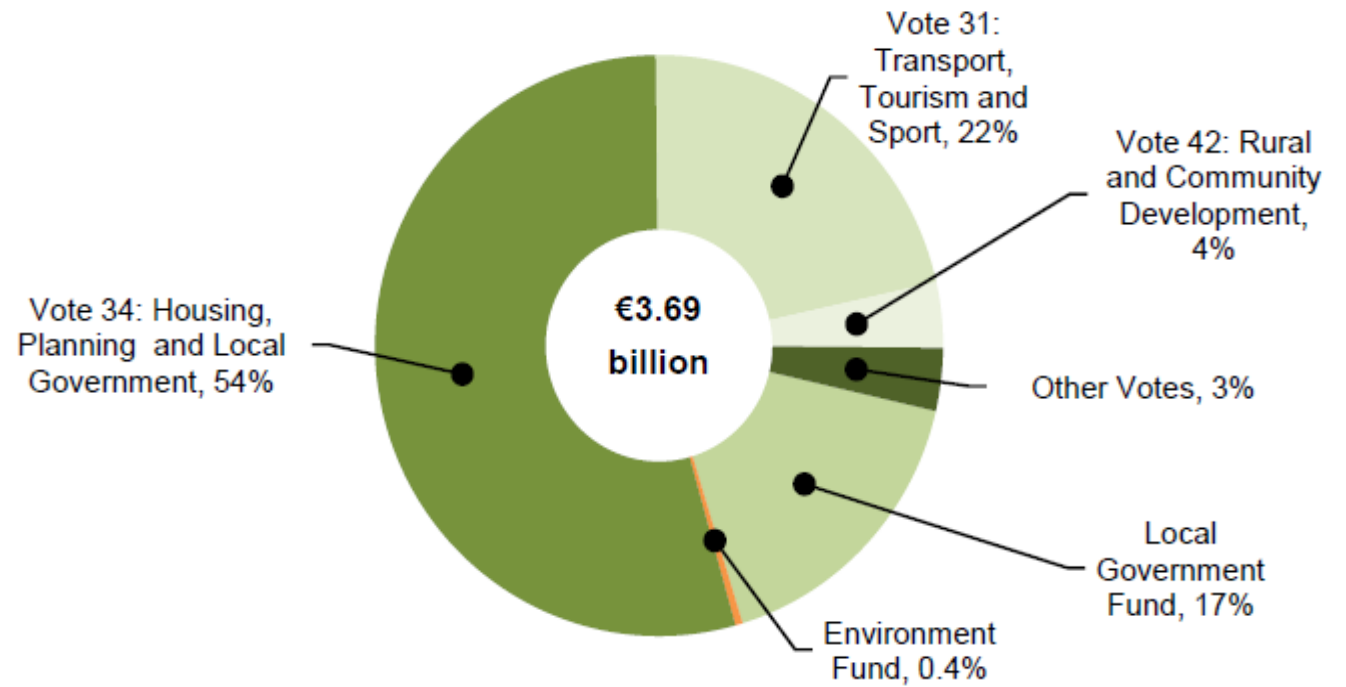


Figure 11.2 Sources of central government financing for local authorities, 2018



Source: Analysis by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General

HR & Governance of State bodies

- Local Authority Staffing oversight
 - Sanctions.
- Industrial Relations
 - Pay negotiations
- HR Strategic direction.
 - OPS 2020 - Workforce
- eSignatures for registration of registered land.
- State agencies oversight

National Directorate for Fire Emergency Management

- Capital investment programme.
- Fire Safety Programme
- C trí project- 999/112 emergency call-taking service
- Review of the 2006 Framework for Major Emergency Management (MEM)
- Voluntary and community sector participation in national resilience
- Flood mitigation - new Flood Forecasting Service involving Met Éireann
- Funfair Safety and begin work on relevant recommendations
- The Fire, Public Safety and Emergency Management Bill 2020