

Budget 2021

Environment & Motoring

- **Carbon tax has been increased by €7.50 per tonne to €33.50 per tonne. This applies to auto fuel from midnight 13th October 2020. Applies to all other fuels on 1st May 2021.**
- **Residential and Community Retrofit Programmes have been allocated €221.5 million in funding.**
- **Community Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) allocated €3 million.**
- **€23.5 million allocated for the Landfill Remediation Programme.**
- **€210 million is allocated for the rollout of the National Broadband Plan.**
- **€3.5 billion has been allocated to the Department of Transport allocated for :**
 - **BusConnects, MetroLink and the DART expansion programme**
 - **An extra 41 InterCity rail carriages**
 - **Up to 600 extra electric or battery powered electric carriages (DART +)**
 - **Major road projects under Project 2040**
 - **A range of Greenway and active travel projects**
 - **Electric Vehicles (EVs) and related charging infrastructure.**
 - **Funding for regional airports**
 - **A new Safe Routes to School programme to deliver safe walking and cycling routes to school, and expand the availability of safe bicycle parking on school grounds**
- **Motor Tax**
 - **A third rate of motor tax to be introduced for cars registered from 1st January 2021 as part of the 'Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicle Testing Procedure.**
 - **No changes to motor tax for pre 2008 registered cars**
 - **Cars registered after 2008 that have a CO2 emissions rating of higher than 141g per kilometre will be taxed €400 instead of €390.**
- **Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT)**
 - **New VRT rates will be calculated based on CO2 emissions.**
 - **VRT relief for hybrid vehicles expires on 31st December 2020.**
 - **€5,000 relief for electric vehicles will be kept for all vehicles under €40,000. Above €40,000 the relief will reduce, no relief for vehicles over €50,000**