

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL RESOURCES TASK GROUP

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Minutes of Resources Task Group held on Monday 12th January 2009 at 11.00 am in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney.

In the Chair: Alderman J Simpson

Present: **Aldermen:** H Connolly, F Campbell
 Councillors: A Cavlan, J Finlay, M McCamphill, E Robinson

Attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Borough Services, Director of Central & Leisure Services, Head of Corporatae & Development Services.

1. **Minutes**

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly seconded by Alderman Campbell and
AGREED:

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 December 2008, circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

2. **Absenteeism statistics**

Absenteeism statistics for the period April - November 2008, details circulated. The group discussed the total days lost, issues surrounding long term sickness and management action and proposed actions to achieve a reduction in absenteeism levels. The good level of employees with full attendance was welcomed.

- **The Chair, Alderman Simpson, left the meeting and the Chair was assumed by the Mayor.**

3. **Employment Agency Costs**

Report detailing Employment Agency costs for the period April - September 2008, circulated, was discussed.

4. **Capital Expenditure**

Report on capital expenditure covering the period April - September 2008, circulated, was discussed.

- **Alderman Simpson returned to the meeting at 12.50pm and resumed the Chair.**

5. **Vacancy**

The following vacancy was reported:
Replacement General Operative – Borough Services Directorate.

Since the resignation of the previous postholder consideration has been given to service needs and **it is recommended** that Council recruit a replacement general operative.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

To recommend that Council recruit replacement for vacant General Operative in Borough Services Directorate.

6. **Budgets**

A discussion ensued regarding a range of budget issues including, current years budget position, increased fuel and energy costs projected for current and incoming year, current and projected reduction in income budgets in some services, reasons for overspends, including additional spend approved by Council after budget setting in current year, current year balance applied. Various queries raised by members were responded to by officers and it was noted that the 8th month variance report would be available for next rates meeting.

Meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

