

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Resources Task Group
Monday 26th October 2009**

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RESOURCES TASK GROUP

A meeting of the Resources Task Group was held on Monday 26th October 2009 at 11.30am in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney

Chair Alderman J Simpson

Present Aldermen: C Cousley, F Campbell
Councillors: J Finlay, E Robinson, A Cavlan, M McCamphill
Chief Executive, Director of Borough Services,
Director of Central & Leisure Services, Head of Corporate &
Development Services

1. Minutes of Meeting – 28th September 2009

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell seconded by Councillor Finlay and
AGREED:

that the minutes of the group's last meeting on 28th September 2009, circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

2. Variance Report – April – August 2009

Variance report, April – August 2009, with explanatory notes relating to adverse variances and profiling issues, circulated (Appendix A), was presented. In response to questions officers gave further information on spend contributing to adverse variance at this point in time, the impact on budgets of reduced budget provision, income and bank interest not meeting targets, key areas of spend, need to identify means to reduce service costs, additional service spend committed from reserves following rate setting process.

The Chair reminded members that the cross-party group had been set up to look at potential increases and service costs and identify proposals for reduced service costs/capital costs and he urged members to maintain its main focus on this piece of work which was listed for consideration later in the meeting.

3. Report on Council Reserves

A report on the district fund reserve position at 30th September, circulated, was presented by the Director of Central & Leisure Services. During discussion information was also given on capital fund and capital receipts reserve. The Chief Executive advised that the corporate management team were looking at options for saving £100,000 on the current year's budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Robinson, and
AGREED:

to recommend that the corporate management team achieve savings of 3% across all departments in the current year

Councillor Robinson requested that following the exercise the Chief Executive produce a detailed report identifying all savings so that these could be reviewed by the Resources Task Group.

4. Rates 2010/11

An initial report setting out factors contributing to possible rate increases, circulated, was presented by Director of Central & Leisure Services. She explained that only material sums of money had been identified and no inflationary increase had been included and capital projects had not been included. To assist the corporate management team in its preparatory work on next year's rate the Chief Executive invited members to identify from the headline information given those items of spend which they did not wish included. Officers responded to members' questions including factors, some of which Council had no control over, eg reduction in penny product, single status implementation, pay awards, increased utility costs, landfill tax.

5. Adjourned business:

Due to time restraints the following business was adjourned to the next meeting, the meeting ending at 1.05 p.m.

* Budget Issues 2009/10 - Shortfall Festive Lighting Scheme 2009

* Community Association Liaison

Variance Report - April - August 2009.**Actual Expenditure & Income v Profiled Budget
Excluding Capital Charges**

Service	<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Income</u>			<u>Nett</u>		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Leisure Centre	486257	514491	28234	319808	272917	46891	166449	241574	75125
Sports Development	40809	45180	4371	14511	15624	-1113	26298	29556	3258
Cultural Facilities	100385	74238	-26147	21490		21490	78895	74238	-4657
Tourism	53260	36725	-16535	14986	8333	6653	38274	28392	-9882
Community Services	46283	69740	23457	11779	27110	-15331	34504	42630	8126
Finance	113104	115349	2245	0	0	0	113104	115349	2245
Human Resources	43416	42996	-420	0	0	0	43416	42996	-420
Administration	29631	30172	541	0	0	0	29631	30172	541
ICT	41792	38203	-3589	0	0	0	41792	38203	-3589
Bank Interest	11131		-11131	0	20833	-20833		-20833	-31964
Registration of BDM	17070	13479	-3591	17070	13479	3591	0	0	0
Non Dist Costs	3637	4375	738	0	0	0		4375	738
Sub-total for DCLS	986775	984948	-1827	399644	358296	41348	572363	626652	39521
Sport Grd Parks & O. Spaces	98630	98231	-399	23076	14583	8493	75554	83648	8094
Tourist Facilities	74796	68623	-6173	74305	75000	-695	491	-6377	-6868
Town Hall	39583	46273	6690	11130	7500	3630	28453	38773	10320
Waste Disposal	395608	415033	19425	16411	18542	-2131	379197	396491	17294
Waste Collection	259724	255342	-4382	67472	67000	472	192252	188342	-3910
Environmental Health	127233	118207	-9026	25703	16600	9103	101530	101607	77
Street Cleansing	71204	75064	3860	7389	6354	1035	63815	68710	4895

Control of Dogs	6915	7061	146	6998	7083	-85	-83	-22	61
Community Safety	29372	32020	2648	52086	32020	20066	-22714	0	22714
Licensing	0	0	0	2398	3521	-1123	-2398	-3521	-1123
Property	2961	3649	688	232	0	232	2729	3649	920
Public Conveniences	14333	18128	3795	0	0	0	14333	18128	3795
Minor Works	50751	1896	-48855	49222	0	49222	1529	1896	367
Cemeteries	19560	19543	-17	8972	7917	1055	10588	11626	1038
Building Control	80635	85263	4628	55256	62083	-6827	25379	23180	-2199
H & ES Support	127890	128716	826	0	0	0	127890	128716	826
Amenities Support	45762	46995	1233	479	0	479	45283	46995	1712
Knock Road Depot	20890	22670	1780		0	0	20890	22670	1780
Grounds Maintenance	128904	132013	3109		0	0		132013	3109
Building Maintenance	10263	11195	932	187	0	187		11195	1119
Admin Building	77383	84876	7493		0	0	77383	84876	7493
Home Accident Prevention	13035	13298	263	9043	9456	-413	3992	3842	-150
Fuel Poverty Initiative	43003	58833	15830	43821	58208	-14387	-818	625	1443
Emergency Planning	239	2083	1844	118	0	118		2083	1962
Sub-total for DBS	1738435	1745012	6338	454180	385867	68431	1145275	1359145	74769
Corporate Management	142491	139907	-2584	783	0	783	141708	139907	-1801
Official visits	3777	5417	1640	0	0	0	3777	5417	1640
Contributions	13050	7520	-5530	0	0	0	13050	7520	-5530
Members allowances	91742	83677	-8065	0	0	0	91742	83677	-8065
Economic Development	38571	36760	-1811	15813		15813	22758	36760	14002
District Policing P'ship	41891	54483	12592	27715	34518	-6803	14176	19965	5789
Democratic Rep. Costs	1409	1042	-367	0	0	0	1409	1042	-367
Sub total for CE	332931	328806	-4125	44311	34518	9793	288620	294288	5668

Surplus/Deficit on Services **119958**

District Rates	0	0	0	2146180	2146180	0	-2146180	0
General Grant	0	0	0	577015	577018	-3	-577018	-3
Loan Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance Applied	0	0	0	0	25417	-25417	-25417	-25417
Sub total	0	0	0	2723195	2748615	-25420	0 -2748615	-25420

Council Total **3058141** **3058766** **386** **3621330** **3527296** **94152** **2006258** **-468530** **94538**

Notes:

JDLC expenditure	No water charges; Electricity at one quarter of budget; No heating oil budget spent
Community Services Exp	Community Relations expenditure £18K less than expected
Town Hall Exp	Rates bill not yet paid, budget £11330
Community Safety Inc	Prior year income £15,428
Members Allowances Exp	Transition committee payments, income to be received to meet this cost
Economic Development	Projects carried forward expenditure not yet committed