

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

**SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE
2 MARCH 2010**

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Coyle, M Donaghy (chair), B Douglas, J F McElhinney, G Mullan, C Ó hOisín and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Support Services and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Alderman Robinson and Councillor Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 2 February 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

MATTERS ARISING:

- It was confirmed that the contract for the ferry service would be brought to Council for signing. A member suggested that other crafts should be allowed to launch from the ferry terminal.
- In response to a query, the Chief Executive confirmed that two separate events would be held for IIP award and for the workers who had helped clear footpaths during the bad weather.
- A report was tabled on average capital values for residential properties in Northern Ireland. This showed that the average value for a house in the Borough was £100,000 and that Limavady had been ranked ninth highest for the rates increase in 2010/11. A number of points were made on reason for the rate increase and the impact this had on businesses in the Borough.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The payment of accounts for the month of January 2010 were tabled and noted.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Human Resource Report: IN COMMITTEE on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

The Director of Support Services presented the Human Resource Report dated 2 March 2010 which detailed recruitment & selection, absenteeism, cause of long term absence, issues relating to Investors in People and carry over of annual leave. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Brolly subject to the following:

- Approval was given for 12 members of staff to carry over more than 5 days of annual leave to the year 2010/11. It was suggested that Council look at reducing the carry over of annual for next year.
- The Chief Executive explained that once the Civic Centre was opened, rooms would be freed up to be used for first aid/rest room or for interview purposes.

OUT OF COMMITTEE on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Carten.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Audit Committee Training: Members of the Audit Committee declared an interest in attending an event being organised by Moyle District Council in association with the Local Government Staff Commission on ‘Best Practise in Audit Committees.’

NEXT MEETING: - 8 April 2010.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.25 PM

Chair: _____