

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

**SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
05 DECEMBER 2006**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**APOLOGIES** – None

**CONDOLANCE:**

It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to the Ferguson family on the tragic death of their daughter Donna who had died through a road traffic accident.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 7 November 2006 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Mullan.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Costs - Civic Receptions:** Following a query from Councillor Stevenson, the Director of Support Services outlined that the cost to date for hosting civic reception were £4,171, compared to £7,500 for the year 2005/06.

**Debt in Limavady:** The Director of Support Services tabled correspondence to and from Julie Lapsley, reporter from the Northern Constitution regarding debt figures for Limavady. Members noted that the figure of £688 per head quoted by her was inaccurate and in fact long term borrowing was approximately £243 per head.

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

The Director of Support Services answered a number of queries in relation to waste management and recruitment costs. The payment of accounts for the month of October 2006 were agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

**HUMAN RESOURCES – DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE:**

**Confidential Human Resource Report:** The Director of Support Services presented the Human Resources Report and enlarged thereon. An update was provided on recruitment & selection, employee training & development, sickness & absence and policies under review. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

**Confidential Summary of Investigation Conducted on Behalf of Limavady Borough Council by Alistair Joynes:** The confidential summary of investigation conducted by Alistair Joynes on behalf of Limavady Borough Council was referred to. Councillor Douglas requested copy of appendices 13 and 4F and it was agreed that the two full reports would be distributed to members.

Councillor Butcher said this was an exceptional issue and that both parties needed to calm down. He proposed that 'Option A' be accepted and if this was not viable, to consider 'Option E'. He clarified that he was not suggesting that Council go for sanctions but his proposal was to stop additional costs to the ratepayer. It was agreed that the full reports would be brought to the December 2006 Monthly meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** - None

**NEXT MEETING** – directly following the Environmental Services Committee meeting on 16 January 2007.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 7.35 pm)**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair of Meeting**