

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

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

6 MARCH 2007

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and Director of Support Services.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M Donaghy, A Brolly and A Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 6 February 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING: - None

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The payment of accounts for the month of January 2007 were approved and signed.

RATE ESTIMATE BOOKLET (2007/08) WITH COMPARISONS TO OTHER COUNCILS:

The Director of Support Services tabled rate estimate booklet which detailed comparative figures on domestic rate increases for Limavady Borough Council from 1997/08 - 2007/08 and comparative increases on domestic & non domestic rates for the 26 Councils for 2007/08.

Members noted Limavady Borough Council was ranked 3rd in the league of 9 comparable Councils for the average domestic rates bill and 2nd for non domestic rates in 2007/08 and that properties with a capital value of £100 K would have an average rates bill of £694 compared to £663 in 2006, an increase of 5%.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

IN COMMITTEE: The Director of Support Services presented the Human Resources Report and enlarged thereon. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Mullan subject to the following:

In House Training: Members noted that Dorothy McKee, Red Hat Consulting would provide training for members on Equality, Diversity and Good Relations on 21 March 2007 between 5.30 and 8.00 pm and Council employees on 21, 22 & 28 March 2007.

Sickness & Absence: In response to a query regarding costs to Council through sickness and absenteeism, the Director of Support Services explained that where possible, staff coped with the additional work load rather than Council obtaining causal cover. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

**DISCLOSURE OF DEATH REGISTRATION INFORMATION –
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:**

The Director of Support Services outlined that the Registrars General (RG's) for England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland were modernising service delivery, in particular the RG's have been investing a modern IT infrastructure, which provides them with electronic information for a civil registration as soon as the registration is complete. He said the timely disclosure of death registration information by the RG's would be beneficial in providing the police and other law enforcement bodies with the ability to address offences that were committed, in particular impersonation of the deceased fraud.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Mullan to accept the proposed disclosure scheme as outlined within the consultation document.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None.

NEXT MEETING: - 3 April 2007.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.20 pm)**

Chair: _____