

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

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2010

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - Councillor A Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 2 November 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The Director of Support Services answered queries on the payment of accounts for October 2010 which were then approved by Council.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Human Resource Report: IN COMMITTEE. The Director of Support Services presented the Human Resource Report for December 2010 which detailed recruitment & selection; absenteeism; corporate training and employee's wellbeing survey. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Rates: Managers were identifying further cost savings to help reduce the rates. For example reduction in overtime, staff agreeing to work a 3 day week and to evaluating if posts should be replaced. The Director of Support Services pointed out that all the savings identified would be reflected in the estimates resulting in a very low increase if any next year. In response to a member, the Chief Executive confirmed that Land & Property Services were making rates and debt collection a top priority and that any new information on properties in the Borough were passed to them immediately. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

ABSENTEEISM IN NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCILS 2009/10:

The report on Absenteeism in Northern Ireland Councils for 2009/10 by the Chief Local Government Auditor was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Seasons Greetings: The Chair of the Support Services committee extended seasons greetings to members and officers.

NEXT MEETING: - 11 January 2011.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.40 pm)

Chair: _____