

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Rates Meeting No CM 854 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 2.00 pm.

<b>IN THE CHAIR</b>	Alderman C Cousley, Deputy Mayor Councillor J Finlay, Mayor (from 2.45 pm)	
<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Aldermen</b> C Cousley, Deputy Mayor F Campbell H Connolly	
	<b>Councillors</b> A Cavlan                      M McCamphill D McKay                      A Patterson E Robinson                  I Stevenson R Wilson	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>Alderman</b> J Simpson	
	<b>Councillors</b> P McGuigan, MLA M Storey, MLA	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Chief Executive Director of Borough Services Director of Central & Leisure Services Head of Corporate & Development Services	

**854.1 RATE ESTIMATE 2007/08**

A copy of the Rate Estimates Booklet (draft 3) had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, (summary of estimate included as Appendix A).

By way of introduction to the rate estimate process, the Chief Executive explained that the rate estimate book was now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> draft with the increase in non-domestic rate reduced from 28% to 17%. The total, net spend currently stands at £936K.

He advised that four major areas of increased spend accounted for 85% of the total increase.

1.	Pay/pensions/inflation/change in valuation base	£310K (33%)
2.	Loan charges – new projects/plant/equipment	£267K (29%)
3.	Waste disposal – fees/tax/haulage/brown bins NB brown bins expenditure is for 1 month only	£159K (17%)
4.	New posts filled during 06/07	£69K (7%)

The Chief Executive also indicated that next year will bring new pressures with possible costs of £300-£400K. Single status will increase the pay bill. A budget for 12 months of brown bin collection and processing will have to be borne. Pay and pension contributions will increase.

Looking to future years, he predicted that new Councils will not be in place by May 2009 as the pace of RPA is slowing. Whilst 2010 is possible if Assembly returns, 2011 or 2012 is more likely, so there is a risk of major fines for Council if it misses waste reduction targets in 2009/10. While Council will have more time to carry out capital works, it will also need to husband its reserved for an extra 1-3 years.

The Director of Central and Leisure Services circulated to the meeting, a schedule of Proposed Contributions to Other Bodies 2007/08, totally £127,510 (Appendix B). Deductions from general grant for the same year totalled £10,916.88. She drew particular attention to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, currently receiving £6000 and requesting an additional £5,000. Council had decided that this request be deferred for consideration during the rate process.

The Director of Central and Leisure Services advised that the proposed district rate for the year 2007/08 was:

**Non-domestic Property District Rate** **23.9242**

**Domestic Property District Rate** **0.3070**

**Non-domestic Property District Rate Increase is 3.55 pence or 17.43%**

**Domestic Property District Rate Increase is 17.23%**

She drew attention to a number of specific matters relative to and impacting on the rate as follows;

### **Capital Valuations**

Following the recent review of rating policy, domestic rates for 2007/2008 will be determined on the basis of the capital value rather than the rental values of properties.

The domestic property rate is to be rounded to 4 decimal places.

With the 2007/08 domestic rate being determined on the basis of capital values it is not meaningful to compare it with the 2006/07 rate that was determined on the rental values.

The non-domestic rate is still determined on the rental values of properties although also now rounded to 4 decimal places. A new conversion factor is applied to the non-domestic rate to calculate the domestic rate.

The above rates represent Total Net Expenditure of £6,506.436, an increase of £935902. Details of increases/decreases in specific budgets in excess of inflation and pay award and pension increases are on pages III and IV.

### **Salaries/Wages**

The salaries and wages budgets include an estimated pay award of 3.00 % plus the employers pension contribution of 13% - an increase of 2% on last year.

The cost of additional posts approved by the Council in 2006/07, after the Rates for the year were fixed, are included in the proposed budgets for 2007/08.

### **Inflation**

A 3% increase has been applied to most budgets.

### **General Grant**

Resources Grant – the Council is to receive an allocation of £1,044,294, for 2007/08, an increase of £128,783 on last year.

Derating Grant – from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005, the Department of Finance and Personnel has been phasing out industrial derating with the result that the variations for derated industrial property have been reduced by 30% for 07/08.

### **Loan Charges**

Details of all proposed capital expenditure for 2007/08 are on page V.

### **Credit Balance**

A Credit Balance of £105,875 has been applied at this stage – this is the same as last year.

### **Capital Charges**

The notional interest element of the capital charge is to be removed for the 07/08 financial year, hence the cost of services where these charges apply will be reduced. The Capital Charges included are for depreciation only. Capital Charges are not rate borne.

### **Comparisons**

Page 2 of the book shows comparisons per main service for the 2 years 2006/07 and 2007/08, with the increase in budgets expressed in pounds and percentage. Page 2A of the book shows the same comparison except the capital charges are removed, which makes the comparisons more meaningful.

### **Actual Expenditure and Income**

Actual expenditure incurred and income received up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 is included in the rates Book per budget. Please note that this does not mean that 9 months expenditure has been incurred under all budgets or 9 months income received. In budgets where expenditure is incurred by payment of invoices monthly, then only 8 months expenditure would be included as we take 30 days credit. In some budgets, the total expenditure for the year has been incurred – eg rates, water rates.

All wages and salaries budgets would have 9 months expenditure. Under some income budgets, only 6 months income has been received eg grants claimed quarterly.

### **Fixing the Rates for 2007/08**

In accordance with Section 53 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, the Council shall consider and approve the estimates for the following year, shall authorise the expenditure included in the estimates and shall fix the rates by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

The Director of Central and Leisure Services advised that the general reserve stood at £1.5M - £588,059 general and capital fund (restricted use) of £800,436.

\* **The Mayor arrived at this stage and took the Chair (2.45 pm)**

The Director of Central and Leisure Services presented details of the main budget increases in excess of inflation and pay awards (Appendix C) and with the Director of Borough Services and the Chief Executive, responded to question on these.

\* **Councillor Wilson, Alderman Campbell left during this discussion at 3.15 pm. Councillor McCamphill and Councillor Stevenson left at 3.30 pm.**

The Director of Borough Services was asked to refer to the Architect, the flooding problems at Rasharkin Cemetary in view of the test carried out on the ground prior to development.

Officers were asked to examine the reduction of contributions to other bodies.

It was agreed that while reduction in members conference budget was in order, the allocation of £1,000 per member should remain based on the fact that given current spend, a 100% take-up was not expected.

The Director of Central and Leisure Services then moved to explain the proposed Capital Projects (Appendix D). Having dealt with the first sub-section of projects, members decided to adjourn consideration of these and the Rate Estimate and meet on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to further consider the matter.

It was agreed that following the next meeting, a revised book be issued to members.

\* **The meeting adjourned at 6.00 pm.**

**The meeting reconvened on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney at 6.00 pm.**

**IN THE CHAIR** C Cousley, Deputy Mayor

**PRESENT****Aldermen**

F Campbell  
H Connolly  
J Simpson

**Councillors**

A Cavlan	B Kennedy
M McCamphill	D McKay
A Patterson	E Robinson
M Storey, MLA	I Stevenson
R Wilson	

**APOLOGIES****Councillors**

P McGuigan, MLA

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive  
Director of Borough Services  
Director of Central & Leisure Services  
Head of Corporate & Development Services

Before commencing the meeting, the Deputy Mayor advised that the Mayor had been admitted to hospital last evening and he wished him a speedy recovery. It was agreed to send a get-well card to the Mayor. Other members concurred with the Deputy Mayor's remarks. The Chief Executive conveyed good wishes to the Mayor on behalf of the officers and staff.

**854.1 CONTINUATION OF RATE ESTIMATES MEETING 2007/08**

The Director of Central and Leisure Services then presented details of proposed capital projects under sub-sections 2 & 3 and those projects proposed to be funded from reserves. The Chief Executive, the Director of Borough Services and the Director of Central and Leisure Services responded to members' questions.

\* **Councillor McKay joined the meeting at this stage at 6.40 pm and Councillor Kennedy at 6.45 pm.**

Alderman Simpson suggested that Leisure & Amenities Committee should consider a study on the potential use of play areas, given the play station generation, the limited usage due to dark evenings and adverse weather conditions.

The Chief Executive invited members to give direction to officers on areas they wished Management to look at. Councillor Storey indicated that his party believed the increase should be kept under 10%. He suggested Management

consider removing the 3% uplift applied to budgets for inflation and also reduce agency staff costs by 25% in 07/08 year and by 10% the following year.

In response to a request by alderman Simpson, the Director of Central and Leisure Services agreed to provide information on the cost of sickness.

- \* **The meeting adjourned at 7.25 pm at the request of Councillor Storey to allow parties to consider areas for reduction.**
- \* **The meeting reconvened at 7.45 pm. Councillor Wilson retired from the meeting at this stage.**

### **Councillor McCamphill**

Councillor McCamphill suggested the following revisions on behalf of the SDLP:

- Riverside Park £115,000 – defer and do minimum.
- Balnamore and Stranocum community buildings – defer £500,000.
- Do only (1) sand mattress pitch RPF £99,000.

### **Councillor Storey**

- Requested information on Agency payments 05/06 and 9 months 06/07
- He also asked officers to review and consider if the additional building control workload can be resolved without employing an additional officer.

### **Councillor Robinson**

Councillor Robinson submitted the following list of suggested reductions on behalf of the DUP:

#### **BUDGET CHANGES – JANUARY 2007**

1.	Remove 3% increase which was added to most budgets	
2.	Reduce Agency Worker Expenses by 25% in 07/08 Reduce Agency Worker Expenses by 10% in 08/09	
3.	Reduce contributions to outside bodies	
4.	North West 200	<b>DELETE</b> £8,000
4.	Causeway museum	£16,860
6.	Sports Development Advisory Committee	£1,000
9.	Sports Grounds	£4,450
10.	Lower Bann Partnership	£12,600
11.	Tourism (Causeway C&G + HT)	£23,100
12.	Community Support Grant	£2,000
36.	NILGA Hospice	£5,000 £1000

NI Ploughing	£300
North antrim Network	£3000
Rural Network	£200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£79,510</b>

**BUDGET REVENUE SAVINGS**

<b>PAGE</b>	<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>SAVINGS</b>
1	Bank Interest UP	10,300
1	Loan Interest (Capital)	
4	Arts Committee	-
4	New Staff	NIL
9	Sports Grounds	17,000
10	Tourist	16,000
11	Tourism	3,000
14	Cemeteries	5,000
15	Environmental Health	15,000
17	Dog Control	4,000
20	Street Cleaning	48,100
21	Waste Collection	19,000
22	Waste Disposal	31,000
24	Building Control	?
26	Bi-Lingual Signs Minor works budget can easily absorb this	2,000
36	Contributions	£74,510

**Proposed Capital Projects Savings**

Numbered 1 ..... 19

		<b>COST</b>	<b>SAVING</b>
1	RCV Granted 1 Vehicle Big Bite	£160,000	27,040
2	1 Large Sweeper	£70,000	11,825
3	Riverside paths, decking etc	£57,500	4,747
4	Health Suite (2 <sup>nd</sup> half 07/08)	£92,000	10,300
5	Grounds Maintenance (Equipment bought 5/06 budget)	£19,500	3,295
6	CCTV & PA at JDLC (Security V.Imp @ Play Area)	£35,000	Nil
7	Amenities Vehicles (Details needed). Vehicle ordered 06 delivery 06/07		
8	Riverside Cycle Link details re Grant Time limit, match funding, conditions		
9	Changing accommodation at Dervock		
10	Reduce to 2 play areas	£143,000	5,893
11	2 x sand pitches unlikely 06/07 pitches just begun Tennis courts completely redone	£198,000	16,285
12	Security & CCTV at Town Hall Necessary for security & application for next stage of museum	£55,000	Nil
13	Paths and Car Park at Riada Stadium 08/09 project? Railings .. In-house provision?	£50,000	4,113
14	ICT Reduce to £25,000 and remove to reserve; Consider necessity	£35,000	12,350
15	Heating & lighting controls JDLC Defer 1 year (rated 4)	£40,000	5,125
16	Fencing @ Playing Fields	£63,000	5,180
17	CCTV Riada Stadium	£47,000	3,865
18	Community Hall, Stranocum Probably not 07/08	£500,000	36,900

**Total Savings £146,918 - % savings 3.673%**

**Savings from Revenue – Pages III & IV**

<b>PAGE</b>	<b>BUDGET DETAIL</b>	<b>SAVE</b>
1	Bank Interest ... Int. Going up so probably no cuts. Borrowing from reserve covered by higher interest	10,300
1	Loan charges – dealt with within Capital Page V	
4	Arts Committee – Arts spend overall is high. No to this request unless deal with Twinning	2,000
4	New Staff Museum 06/07 granted	
9	Wages – Staff granted	
	Paints/materials 32K – reduce to 20K	12,000
	Sports posts not as an extra budget item (see page 9)	2,000
	Rights of way. Can this be done 07/08?	
	Waste collection/disposal	3,000
10	Drumaheglis granted work completed not to dismay “punters”	
	Income from advance bookings?	
	Increase in income from charges (est 74K 9M £80,684)	8,000
	Increase in charges from 1.3.07	
	Details needed	
	Why is estimated income for 07/08 lower than 9M.	5,000
	Actual?	3,000
	Events – what is planned if any?	
	Lower Bann Project Committed	
	Town Centre Cycle Loop committed	
11	Tourism – new staff 06/07 granted 'Other' shows £6,332 purchased items Where is income from goods?	3,000
14	Cemetries – Rasharkin Consultants reasons for this condition Only 1 grave opened 2 bodies Would £5K complete project? Pay from reserves if needed	5,000
15	Environmental Health Enforcing smoking ban (20 hours suggested by 2 members of staff – total of 40 hours @ £90.00 per hour) – time in lieu is appropriate.	3,600
	Computerisation – how much is necessary? 06/07 est is £13K. Is an extra £6K necessary?	
	IT Mobile/Partnership working	6,000
	06/07 estimate is £6,500 – 9M = £747, 12M = £1120	
	This budget could be and should be reduced rather than increased	9,000

System capability must be borne in mind.

- 15** Incidentally, there are at least 4 other budgets dramatically underspent, highlighting a saving in the region of £6K.  
Air quality, new equipment, maintenance, protective clothing  
 $1723 \times 2/3 = 2585 = \text{spend} \times 103/100 = \text{£}2662$   
 $10340 = 07/08 \text{ estimate}$   
 $10340 - 2662 = 7678$
- 17** Dog control  
This decrease in income is more than compensated by the savings on page 15.  
Figures on page 17 indicate that H/E services to this service will cost £73,321 and page 23 indicates that dog control will utilise 18% of H/E support.  
Greater than both waste collection and disposal. 4,000  
An increase of £4K seems unnecessary
- 20** Street cleaning  
Revue granted
- Sweeper allocated in 05/06 budget. Hako bought 2006.  
With the relatively short life of Council, how many sweepers are needed?
- This service involves 2 items from capital projects.  
Large and small sweepers ..... £140,000  
The small sweeper could be purchased with the remainder of the allocation of funds for vehicles from 06/07 budget (council approval Feb 07). 40,000
- Large sweeper 07/08 budget
- With such new vehicles, is an extra £9K needed for maintenance? Can a reduction be made? 4,000
- 2 extra staff only needed after review or after delivery of equipment – savings here.
- Income reduction  
An approach could be made to NCP to seek the work seemingly lost and the drop in income recovered 4,100
- 21** Waste collection  
RCV ordered and delivery imminent  
Maintenance:  
 $06/07 \text{ est} = 144,000$   $12M = 134097$  almost 10K  
 $07/08 \text{ est} = 155,000$  another 11K  
New vehicle should reduce maintenance 10,000  
Refuse containers costing £10,500  
No record of sales, even at cost income? 5,500

- Skip Service  
Increase in maintenance – could there be any saving?  
Trade Waste  
9M = £162,550: 12M @ 2/3 = £243,825  
9M = £16,2550: 12M @ 3/4 - £216,733  
Possible saving, 07/08 est could go up 4,000
- 22** 07/08 estimates suggest tonnage £12,250T  
at 18/1/07, H/E committee agenda indicated  
8,832.32T to date.  
12 month figure could be @ £11,776T including 0.85%  
increase allowing 0.85% for 07/08; 11776.  
426x100.85/100 = 11876.525T.  
As Council is hoping to reduce waste to landfill 1200T  
is probably adequate as the tonnage figure.  
Using 12,100 however:  
Landfill 12,100 x £24 = 290,400 saving £4K  
Haulage 12,100 x £6.25 = 75,625 saving £18K  
Disposal 12,100 x £33 = 399,300 saving £4K 26,000
- Using 12,000T saving = 6000+19, 938+8,250 = £34K
- Publicity budget is under-used but no reduction here.  
Every effort to encourage reduction of waste to landfill  
should be made by use publicity etc.
- Recycling of green waste hopefully will rise to  
estimate.  
Disposal charge 9M = £18,596  
12M could be between £24,795 and £27,894 5,000  
07/08 estimate low and may produce a greater saving.
- Sale of cardboard  
Such sales would generate income and reduce gate  
fees although may have a detrimental effect on  
recycling figures. Overall savings possible.
- 23** From 9M est to 12M est +3%, 07/08 estimate is  
almost 10K over.  
Travel 6,600-5,071 = £1,529 could be reduced by £1K 10,000
- 24** If income is a 9M figure then 12M = £264,095  
12M = 200372 – 264095 = -£63,723  
Why is 07/08 income estimated so low at 180K.  
If the figure of 06/07 are replicated in 07/08 then the  
post could be resourced within the department. Event  
at the 9M estimate, the figure of - £47792 would cover  
the estimated expense of £35,000.  
Would revert to rates from 08/09 35,000
- 26** Bi-lingual signs  
Budget for minor works could easily be cut to £1000.  
As a result, Bi-lingual signs could be funded from the  
ensuing savings. 2,000
- 36** Contributions

All contributions to outside bodies have been restructured and the savings are estimated at 74,510

**Proposed Projects from Reserves  
Numbered from 1 ... to .... 7**

	<b>Costs</b>
1 Stage curtains at JDLC	£15,000
2 Covers for swimming pool	£20,000
3 Main Hall lighting	£30,000
4 Festive Lighting	£25,000
5 Conversion of MAT store	£15,000
6 Recycling bays at Crosstagherty	£15,000
7 Bus shelters x 3	£15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£135,000</b>

**Councillor Kennedy**

Councillor Kennedy urged a review of a cut to the NW200 contribution, the largest sporting event in Northern Ireland, stating that a reduced amount will not sponsor a race. He also put forward the following suggestions:

- Look at play areas x 3 – do only 1
- NW200 contribution – retain
- Only do one sand mattress pitch this year
- CCTV, Town Hall – remove – perimeter and entrance cover adequate
- Stadium car park – remove
- CCTV stadium – remove this year
- Community buildings – Balnamore and Stranocum Park – review

**Councillor Cavlan**

Councillor Cavlan indicated that Sinn Féin wanted to discuss the following projects with officers and decide priorities:

- Street cleansing – large and small sweeper
- Riverside Park – replacement bridges
- Cardio-fitness Suite – luxury or essential
- CCTV and PA – JDLC
- Riverside Park – cycle link
- Changing accommodation – Dervock/Dunloy
- 2 sand mattress pitches – RPF
- Ext CCTV and security – Town Hall
- Paths and car park stadium
- Heat and light – JDLC

- Fencing at 3 playing fields
- CCTV Stadium
- Community buildings – Balnamore and Stranocum
- Projects funded from reserve

### **Alderman Simpson**

Alderman Simpson referred to heating oil costs of £90,000 increased to £92,000 and to the energy saving project, which was to reduce costs. Oil prices were also falling so a budget increase was questioned. The Director of Central and Leisure Services agreed to review this matter. She indicated savings of 10% had been achieved but costs had increased to extension of facility. Alderman Simpson also expressed concern at the ramifications of withdrawing membership fees for NILGA.

The Chief Executive advised that the Management Team would examine proposals put by members, consult with parties and report to the next meeting.

**The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**

## APPENDIX A

**2007/2008 GENERAL ESTIMATE OF RATES - BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>Capital Charges £</b>	<b>Other Expenditure £</b>	<b>Misc. Income £</b>	<b>Net Cost £</b>
Cultural Facilities	364	200,780	0	201,144
Town Hall	15,657	85,540	10,500	90,697
Sports Development	0	98,824	41,918	56,906
Indoor Leisure	230,949	1,145,717	550,000	826,666
Summer Scheme	0	13,660	0	13,660
Sports Grounds Parks & Open Spaces	165,880	789,433	32,000	923,313
Tourist Facilities	77,922	129,137	75,850	131,209
Tourism	182	93,595	0	93,777
Community Services	32,410	179,144	106,633	104,921
Cemeteries	4,441	69,989	17,220	57,210
Public Conveniences	8,989	46,412	0	55,401
Environmental Health	3,655	456,876	104,000	356,531
Dog Control	2,141	84,430	13,250	73,321
Licensing	0	19,530	7560	11,970
Street Cleaning	17,584	262,326	8,500	271,410
Waste Collection	42,294	585,600	213,500	414,394
Waste Disposal	36,185	1,157,170	30,000	1,163,355
Building Control	0	246,103	180,000	66,103
Other Community Assets	4,371	89,962	4,000	90,333
Minor Works		11,232		11,232
Economic Development		131,550		131,550
Members Allowances		201,400		201,400
Mayors Allowance		9,300		9,300
Official & Courtesy Visits		16,000		16,000
Democratic Representation	-	178,832		178,832
Corporate Management Costs	747	382,261		383,008
Non Distributed Costs		9,991		9,991
Registration Births Deaths & Marriages		38,216	38,216	0
Election Expenses		0		0
Emergency Planning		15,000		15,000
Contributions		24,000		24,000
S115 Expenditure		7,000		7,000
District Policing Partnership		151,530	113,648	37,883
Community Safety Partnership		67,270	67,270	0
Bank Interest			65,000	-65,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>643,771</b>	<b>6,997,810</b>	<b>1,679,064</b>	<b>5,962,517</b>
Total Expenditure		7,641,581		5,962,517
Deduct Capital Charges				690,255
Add Loan Charges				1,234,173
<b>Total Net Expenditure</b>				<b>6,506,435</b>
General Grant - Derating			293,898	

	Resources		<u>1,044,294</u>	<u>1,338,192</u>
				5,168,243
Balance Applied				105,875
<b>Net Amount To Be Raised</b>				<b>5,062,368</b>
Est Product of 1p Rate				211,600
<b>District Rate -</b>	<b>Non - Domestic Property</b>			<b>23.9242</b>
	<b>Domestic Property</b>	0.012833		<b>0.3070</b>

**Rates Estimates 2007/08****APPENDIX B****Contributions to Outside Bodies**

<b>Page</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4	Cultural Services	North West 200	8,000
4	Museum	Causeway Museum Service	13,860
6	Sports Development	Sports Advisory Committee (£7k to committee; £4k for Talented Athletes Scheme)	11,000
9	Sports Grounds etc	Milk Cup £11000 and Various Other Organisations £4450	15,450
10	Tourist Facilities	Lower Bann Partnership	12,600
11	Tourism	Causeway Coast & Glens Ltd - £17100; Heritage Trust £6000 <b>Heritage Trust has requested an additional £5000 per annum.</b>	23,100
12	Community Services	Citizens Advice Bureau £18000 Community Support Grants - £5,000	23,000
17	Dog Control	ARRC	500
29	Official Visits	Twinning Association	4,000
36	Contributions to Other Bodies	Various Bodies Specified by Legislation - deducted from General Grant* NILGA North Antrim Agric Assoc Road Safety Committee Hospice NI Ploughing Assoc Somme Assoc Wm Keown Trust N Antrim Community Network Rural Community Network	24,000 11,000 5,000 1,200 1,000 1,000 300 250 100 3,000 200
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>127,510</b>

**General Grant Deductions - 2006/07**

Emplyers Organisation for Local Government	534.78
N.I. Joint Council	1,003.11

Joint Negotiating Committee for Clerks/Chief Executives	109.78
Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services	459.39
Local Government International Bureau	670.93
Local Government Training Group	2,590.91
Local Government Staff Commission	<u>5,547.98</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>10,916.88</u></u></b>

**2007/2008 Rates Estimates**

Appendix C

**Budget increases in excess of inflation and pay award**

<u>Page</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Budget Detail</u>	£	£
1	Bank Interest		10,300	10,300
1	Loan Charges	new projects	266,945	266,945
4	Cultural Services	borough arts committee	2,000	2,000
4	Museum Service	salaries - museum assistant	23,000	23,000
9	Sports Gds, P&OS	wages - post established 06/07*	18,903	52,903
		plants/materials	32,000	
		equipment - sports posts	2,000	
9	Access to Countryside	asserting rights of way	6,000	6,000
10	Tourist Facilities			
	Drumaheglis	removing silt	8,000	
		events	3,000	
	Lower Bann Cycle way project		6,331	
	Town Centre Cycle Loop		5,000	22,331
11	Tourism	salaries - p/t receptionist established 06/07*	13,771	13,771
14	Cemeteries	maintenance - drainage Rasharkin	5,000	5,000
15	Environmental Health	salaries - enforcing smoking ban	3,600	13,600
		computerisation	6,000	
		partnership working - IT mobile working	4,000	
17	Dog Control	kennelling service income reduction	4,000	4,000
20	Street Cleaning	wages - 2 additional operatives	36,000	

		plant/vehicles	9,000	
		street cleaning review	5,000	
		income reduction	4,100	
				<u>54,100</u>
21	Waste Collection	plant/vehicles	11,000	
		refuse containers	5,500	
		Skip Service - plant/vehicles	8,000	
				<u>24,500</u>
22	Waste Disposal	landfill tax	42,000	
		disposal charges	80,710	
		haulage	13,688	
		waste management partnership	3,000	
		brown bins - 1 month	19,667	
				<u>159,065</u>
23	Health & E S Support	salaries - p/t clerical officer established 06/07*	10,312	
				<u>10,312</u>
24	Building Control	salaries - building control officer	32,500	
		travel	2,500	
		income reduction	20,000	
				<u>55,000</u>
25	Other Comm Assets	stranocum war memorial repairs	4,000	
		grant for repairs	- 4,000	
				<u>-</u>
26	Minor Works	bi-lingual signage	2,000	
				<u>2,000</u>
28	Members Allowances	allowances	36,000	
		conferences	- 5,600	
				<u>30,400</u>
31	Corporate Management	salaries - p/t committee clerk established 06/07*	13,089	
				<u>13,089</u>
36	Contributions	contributions	8,000	
				<u>8,000</u>
43	Human Resources	salaries - p/t officer established 06/07*	13,089	
				<u>13,089</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<u><u><b>789,405</b></u></u>

\* posts funded from reserve in 2006/07

**Proposed Capital Projects 2007/08****APPENDIX D**

	<b>cost</b>	<b>loan period</b>	<b>loan charge</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>years</b>	<b>£</b>
RCVs (bin lorry, big bite skip lorry & bulky waste lorry)	320,000	7	54,080
Street cleansing vehicles (large & small sweepers)	140,000	7	23,650
Riverside Park - replacing bridges, decking and essential path works	115,000	20	9,493
Cardiovascular equipment in fitness suite	92,000	5	20,600
Grounds maintenance equipment	39,000	7	6,590
Internal CCTV & PA @ JDLC	35,000	10	4,480
Amenities vehicles	34,000	7	5,745
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>775,000</b>		<b>124,638</b>
Riverside Park Cycle link to JDLC and Riada PF (£50k grant secured )	220,000	20	16,285
Changing accommodation at Dervock or Dunloy	212,500	20	17,475
Play areas @ Bendooragh, Dunloy & Dunaghy	215,000	20	17,680
2 sand mattress pitches at Riada Playing fields	198,000	20	16,285
Extension to CCTV and security @ Town Hall	55,000	10	7,049
Paths and Car Park surfaces @ Riada Stadium	50,000	20	4,113
ICT equipment	35,000	3	12,350
Heating & lighting controls @ JDLC	40,000	10	5,125
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>1,025,500</b>		<b>96,362</b>
Improved fencing to playing fields @ Balnamore, Dunaghy and Riada	63,000	20	5,180
CCTV, Riada Stadium	47,000	20	3,865

Community building at Balnamore or Stranocum	500,000	25	36,900
	<i>sub-total</i>		<i>45,945</i>
	<b>CAPITAL TOTAL</b>		<b>266,945</b>
	<u>2,410,500</u>		<u>266,945</u>

Museum £100,000 (loan charge £8225) - Council has committed to funding the museum fit out - funding is not required until 2008/09

## Proposed Projects Funded from Reserves

Stage curtains at JDLC	15,000
Covers for swimming pool	20,000
Main sports hall lighting	30,000
Festive lighting (phase 2)	25,000
Convert store to mat store at JDLC	15,000
Recycling bays at Crosstagherty	15,000
Bus shelters (3 no.)	15,000
	<u>135,000</u>