

RESOURCES TASK GROUP

Meeting No. 30 – 24/5/2010

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Minutes of Meeting No. 30 held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, on Monday 24th May 2010 at 2.00 pm.

Chair: Alderman J Simpson

Present: Alderman F Campbell
Councillors: J Finlay, M McCamphill and E Robinson

Apologies: Alderman C Cousley MBE
Councillor A Cavlan

In Attendance Chief Executive, Director of Borough Services,
Director of Central & Leisure Services,
Head of Corporate & Development Services.

30.1 Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No. 29 on 15th April 2010, circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

The Chairman reminded members that Council, at its meeting on 10th May, had agreed that the frequency of reporting on overtime should be quarterly rather than annually. A revised reporting schedule was circulated together with a copy of the RTG Terms of Reference.

30.2 Variance Report

The variance report for 11 months - April 2009 to February 2010, circulated, was discussed and officers responded to members questions.

- **The Director of Borough Services joined the meeting during consideration of the above item, at 2.10 pm.**

30.3 Loans Outstanding

Report on loans outstanding at 31 March 2010 (circulated) was tabled. The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that the amount outstanding at the end of the financial year 2009-10 was £9.9m. Following refinancing of loans, new loans for this year amount to £1.5m

30.4 Vacant Posts- Central & Leisure Services

4.1 Museum Assistant (post ref 50152) – Secondment to the post of Assistant Curator at Braid Centre, with Ballymena Borough Council 1st July 2010 – 30th June 2011. **It is recommended** that this post be filled via recruitment agency for one year.

The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised of savings to Council as recruitment would be at first point on scale and pension costs would not be due.

It was proposed by Councillor McCamphill seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

to recommend that post of Museum Assistant be filled via recruitment agency during the period of temporary vacancy – 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011.

4.2 Two full time Leisure Attendants (post ref 30814 & 30902) due to go on maternity leave in September 2010 for up to one year. **It is recommended** that these two posts, essential to service delivery, be filled via recruitment agency during the period of absence on maternity leave. No budget provision is available but the Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that Council was able to recover 93% of pay from DHSS.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the two full-time Leisure Attendant posts, 30814 and 30902, be filled via recruitment agency during the period of absence on maternity leave, due to commence September 2010.

4.3 One part-time Fitness Instructor (post ref. 30840) – maternity leave – November 2010 for up to one year. **It is recommended** that this post, essential to service delivery, be filled via recruitment agency during the period of absence on maternity leave. No budget provision is available (the same position as set out at 4.2 above applies).

It was proposed by Councillor McCamphill seconded by Councillor Robinson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the part-time Fitness Instructor post 30840 be filled via recruitment agency during the period of absence on maternity leave, due to commence in November 2010.

30.5 Representation on Interagency Groups

In response to a question by Councillor McCamphill the Director of Borough Services confirmed that he had written to seven no. Interagency Groups advising that due to resource difficulties he was unable to provide officer representation at Interagency Meetings at the present time, but that any issues should be raised with him in the first instance.

30.6 Rate Estimate Paper

The Chief Executive circulated chart and table, showing net expenditure per head of all Councils compared with net expenditure per head in Ballymoney and Ballymoney spend as a % of average. It was noted that overall Ballymoney spends 75% of the NI average per head of population, while net expenditure per head on two services, waste collection and democratic representation & Management, and net expenditure per head for five services – waste collection, tourism, other cleaning, economic development and community services, was less than half the NI average. Issues identified to be considered were:

- Investing more in street cleansing as tidy neighbourhoods were valued by local people

- Investing more in economic development and tourism given the importance placed on these functions across NI and by the Assembly to secure economic benefits.

30.7 Date of next meeting

Monday 28th June 2010 at 2.00 p.m. (Schedule of meetings 2010 circulated).

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

