

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisc.

24th June 2009

**To: Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA**

Re: Notice of Intention to Dispose of Rural Cottage at Curraghatawy, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 that Leitrim County Council proposes to dispose of property as set out hereunder and subject to the consideration and the conditions as outlined.

Registered Owner

Description of Land

Leitrim County Council

Rural Cottage and adjoining site comprising 1.760 Acres (0.712 Hectares) in the townland of Curraghatawy, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

The property was originally purchased under the Shared Ownership Scheme from Gracechurch Limited, C/o Liam Moran & Co., 11 Malahide Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. Due to a change in circumstances the Shared Ownership Applicants did not proceed under the Scheme. The dwelling has been vacant for several years.

Leitrim County Council previously approved of the sale of this dwelling under Section 183 Notice dated 18th December 2007 which was approved by the Members at the Council Meeting on 14th January 2008. The previous disposal related to the disposal of this property to Noel Mc Girl, Drumdiffer, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim for the sum of €103,100. Mr. McGirl subsequently withdrew from the purchase of this property in April 2009.

The Council publicly advertised for tenders for the purchase of this property in the Leitrim Observer dated 22nd May 2009. 1 No. Tender was received as follows:-

Noel & Yvonne Mc Girl,
Drumdiffer,
Ballinamore,
Co. Leitrim

€50,100.0

The Tender received in the sum of €50,100 from Noel & Yvonne Mc Girl was the only tender submitted and is under the Reserve Price of €60,000. It is proposed however to proceed with the disposal for the consideration of €50,100 subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

1. The Purchaser will be responsible for all the legal costs involved in the transaction.

2. The property is being disposed of in its present condition and the disposal is not subject to planning permission.
3. The disposal is conditional upon the contract for sale being completed within 3 months of the tender acceptance
4. Section 183 Notice dated 18th December 2007 as approved by the Members at the Meeting of Leitrim County Council held on 14th January 2008 is hereby revoked.

This item will be included on the Agenda of the July Council Meeting at which it may be considered.

Yours sincerely,

Aideen McGovern
Senior Executive Officer,
Housing & Corporate Services.
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24th June 2009

**To Cathaoirleach and Gach Ball
Comhairle Chontae Liatroma**

Re: Proposed Casual Trading Byelaws 2009

A Chara,

The statutory public display period for the Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws as approved by the Council members at its April Meeting is now completed.

One submission was received from Mr Mitch Dunne requesting the designation of the Market Square, Manorhamilton as an area with trading spaces.

This submission was received within the statutory period for submissions in relation to the draft byelaws and in accordance with Section 6(7) of the Casual Trading Act 1995 the Local Authority must now consider this submission.

The Market Square is a pedestrianised area and is separated from traffic by cast iron bollards.

Under the current Casual Trading Bye laws there are at present in Manorhamilton designated trading spaces at the Car Park on Old Church Street – 2 spaces and at the Car Park adjacent to Fire Station along N16 – 4 spaces. There is no change proposed to these spaces in the proposed Bye Laws. As well as the abovementioned trading areas the Bee Park Resource Centre hosts the Manorhamilton Origin Farmers Market every Friday in their grounds. This location provides the benefit of offering indoor as well as outdoor trading options and also the ancillary services of the building to the traders. It therefore provides a good location for this market and is now well established having been in existence for around 4 years.

It is considered therefore that there are adequate opportunities for street trading in the town. Taking the above into account the designation of Market Square as a trading area is not deemed necessary.

As Leitrim County Council has now completed the public consultation process in respect of the draft bye laws and as the Council has not been notified of any appeal in relation to the proposed Bye laws and the period prescribed for appeals under Section 6(8) of the Casual Trading Act 1995 has elapsed it is recommended that the Council now proceed to make the Bye Laws.

The Casual Trading Bye Laws (copy of which has been previously circulated) and as approved for public display at the April Council Meeting are recommended for adoption without amendment.

Mise Le Meas,

Joseph Gilhooly
Director of Services
Community, Cultural and Enterprise Development

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisc.

30th June 2009

Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

RE: Item No. 5 on Agenda for Council Meeting 6th July 2009
- Draft Housing Estate Management Grant Scheme 2009

Dear Councillor,

In recognition of the efforts of the active Residents Associations in our estates throughout the County, Leitrim County Council has operated an annual Scheme of Contributions to Residents Associations in Local Authority Estates for the past number of years as part of our Estate Management Programme. Up to now the Scheme has operated on the basis of a flat-rate contribution to Residents Associations towards their running costs – that contribution was originally €500 and was increased to €1,000 in 2006 at a time when there were 12 active Residents Groups involved.

The funding provided to Residents Associations under this scheme was always intended as a 'contribution' towards the running costs and activities of active Residents Associations. It must be noted that this scheme is in addition to other funding which has been secured for improvement works in our Housing Estates, including substantial funding under the CLÁR and Peace Programmes in recent years and ongoing projects under the Sustainable Communities Fund. Leitrim County Council also co-funds a Community Employment Scheme which carries out very valuable work in local authority estates throughout the county.

A key priority of the last Estate Management Plan was to get additional Residents Associations up and running. The efforts in this regard have been very successful and there are currently 21 active Residents Associations. The focus in recent years has been on establishing Residents Associations in smaller estates and it was considered important that these new associations would receive a level of funding that would assist them in the start-up phase, which is invariably the most expensive time for an Association in terms of purchase of equipment etc. When the scheme was reviewed by the Housing & Corporate Services SPC in 2006 (March 2006) it was agreed, following consideration, to retain the Scheme at a flat-rate contribution to all Residents Associations rather than an incremental scheme, as had been suggested, which might penalize smaller estates and new Residents Associations. Guidelines and an application form were developed and approved and the requirements in relation to the scheme were as follows:

Each group must:

- Be constituted with officers in place
- Have insurance cover for the year they are making the application
- Submit proposals for spend of money
- Must be inclusive/open to all residents
- Produce receipts at year-end showing expenditure incurred

Activities groups could make claim for:

- Youth activities
- Improvement of open areas
- New plants/flowers/tubs/baskets
- Any other relevant activities

Residents Groups were invited to apply for this contribution by sending a copy of the completed application form together with relevant back-up documentation. It was agreed that the Scheme should be reviewed at the end of 2006 to determine how the available funding would be allocated in future years. The matter was reviewed by the Housing & Corporate Services SPC at their meeting in November 2006 and it was agreed that the existing arrangements should continue to apply (i.e. a flat rate contribution to each active Residents Association). It was acknowledged that new estates trying to set up Resident Associations were generally small groups who needed a boost as they were starting up. It was also highlighted that some of the larger and longer-established estates have significant levels of owner-occupied houses and many would have less Council-owned houses than smaller estates who would receive a lower level of contribution under an incremental scheme. The Contribution Scheme was not reviewed in 2008 and a flat-rate contribution of €1,000 was paid to active Residents Associations.

The need to review the Scheme was highlighted as part of the preparation of the new Estate Management Plan 2009-2014. This review was the subject of discussion with the Leitrim Residents Network at their January meeting and the Residents Network favored the implementation of an incremental scheme linked to the size of the estate. The various different options were considered in detail, including various incremental schemes, and a Draft Housing Estate Management Grant Scheme was presented to the Housing & Corporate Services SPC at their meeting on 20th April 2009. The Scheme as originally proposed was considered the most appropriate and equitable model which would facilitate the distribution of the available resources to best effect and match the funding to activity.

Under the original revised Estate Management Grant Scheme for 2009 it was proposed that grants would be provided for the following purposes:

- a) Purchase and maintenance of equipment to maintain the amenity areas. Maintenance of equipment will include: repair, service, petrol/oil. Maximum amount: **€1000**
- b) Landscaping / trees / shrubs / flowerbeds. Maximum amount: **€200**
- c) Public Liability Insurance. Maximum amount: **€220**
- d) One Off Special Project. Maximum amount: **€300**

It was proposed that Residents Associations would complete a simple application form (as with the previous scheme) in respect of their proposed activities in the current year and the level of grant assistance approved would depend on a range of factors including type of project, availability of other sources of funding and the overall number of applications seeking funding under the Scheme. It would be open to a Residents Association to apply for funding under each of the available categories, based on their proposed activities, so it would be possible that an individual association could secure more than €1,000 in funding in any given year.

The Draft Housing Estate Management Grant Scheme 2009 was considered by the Housing & Corporate Services SPC on 20th April 2009. Feedback from the Leitrim Residents Network was considered and following discussion it was agreed that the Draft Scheme together with the issues raised at the SPC meeting would be submitted to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration

prior to submission to the Council. The matter was listed on the agenda for consideration by the Corporate Policy Group and the Council at their May meetings (Monday 11th May 2009). In the interim a further meeting was facilitated with representatives from the Leitrim Residents Network to hear their views in relation to the Draft Scheme (Friday 8th May 2009). Issues raised in relation to the proposed scheme included the following:

- Preferred option for Residents Associations would be an incremental contribution scheme – suggested incremental scheme submitted. Scheme as proposed could result in every Association receiving different amounts which was seen as inequitable and not transparent.
- Revised scheme is over-complicated and would tie up Residents Associations unnecessarily in the completion of application forms and obtaining quotations in advance etc.
- Objection to provision of financial reports – Residents Associations may be penalized if they had money in their account. Existing method of providing proof of spending in the previous year operates satisfactorily
- Issues with the figures/amounts as proposed
- None of the Associations might have a project in a given year
- Scheme does not make provision for contingency funding in the event that a lawnmower or other substantial piece of equipment breaks down or has to be replaced unexpectedly during the year.
- Residents Associations may not necessarily know what funding they will require in a given year.

It was agreed by the Corporate Policy Group and the Council at their May meeting that the matter would be deferred to the next Council meeting to allow for the views of the Residents Network to be considered further.

The matter has been considered in detail and the revised Draft Housing Estate Management Grant Scheme 2009 is attached for your information. The views as expressed by the Residents Network have been taken on board and the revised scheme has been prepared in that context and also in the context of a whole range of issues which we must consider including the following:

- Payment of a flat-rate contribution to all Residents Associations, irrespective of the size of the estate, is inequitable and is unsustainable
- The level of contribution payable must be linked in some way to the level of activity.
- An incremental scheme based on the size of the estate might penalize smaller estates who are very active and may also result in larger estates where there is a significant level of owner-occupied houses receiving a higher contribution than a smaller estate where most or all of the houses are Council-owned.
- Given the current financial position the Council must critically monitor and review all areas of discretionary spend and we must be in a position to demonstrate that value for money is being achieved.
- There is a requirement to ensure that a level of funding is available for estates which are too small to support a Residents Association (less than 8 houses)

The Revised Draft Scheme as proposed incorporates 2 elements – a flat-rate contribution to active Residents Associations based on an incremental scale and an application-based scheme

open to active Residents Associations to fund replacement of equipment, extraordinary repairs of equipment and special projects.

The flat-rate contribution element of the scheme will operate as follows:

Estates with up to 30 Houses	€400
Estates with over 30 houses	€600

The contribution will be payable on receipt of the following:

- a. Evidence of Public Liability Insurance
- b. Receipts/Statement showing expenditure for the previous year
- c. Work Programme for the year in question

A simple template form must be submitted by the Residents Association to claim this payment (see Scheme).

The application-based element of the scheme is intended to contribute towards the cost of replacing equipment, extraordinary repairs of equipment and special projects as proposed by Residents Associations. Funding will be provided based on applications submitted which must include quotations and/or costings as appropriate.

It is envisaged that the flat-rate contribution would be claimed by Residents Associations at the beginning of the year and a closing date of end-February would be proposed in this regard. In the current year, details of the scheme will be circulated to Residents Associations immediately following approval of the Scheme, to allow for submission and payment of claims at the earliest date. In relation to the application-based element of the scheme it is intended that this would be open-ended – this element of the scheme is intended to cover extraordinary expenses, replacement of equipment and special projects and an application deadline would be inappropriate in this regard.

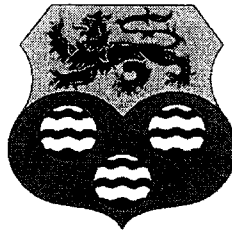
I am recommending that the revised Draft Scheme be adopted subject to review after one year of implementation. This matter is listed on the agenda for consideration by the Corporate Policy Group and the Council at their respective meetings on 6th July 2009. It is considered that the Scheme as now proposed has been simplified, is both equitable and transparent, has regard to the views expressed by the Residents Network and will facilitate the achievement of better value for money while also ensuring that active Residents Associations are supported and facilitated in their endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Quinn,
Director of Services,
Housing & Corporate Services.
AMcG
Encl.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL



Draft Housing Estate Management Grant Scheme 2009

Guidelines for Residents Associations

1. Aims & Objectives of the Scheme

The aim of the scheme is to encourage and support Residents Associations in local authority housing schemes to undertake and implement works/projects which will improve the appearance of their estate and enhance the quality of life of its residents.

2. Eligibility

Residents Associations based in and undertaking works/projects in local authority housing estates in County Leitrim are eligible to apply for funding under this scheme. Proposals from individuals will not qualify.

3. Levels of Assistance

Subject to the availability of finance and compliance with the conditions of the scheme, funding will be made available to Residents Associations for projects which would contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives set out at No. 1 above.

The grant will give support towards the maintenance, provision and enhancement of community infrastructure and community development initiatives which add to the quality of life of all residents of the estate. This will include the provision of new, and / or improvements to, existing projects.

Grants will be available to existing and new Residents Associations.

The Scheme is divided into 2 elements as follows:

- 3(a)** Flat rate contribution to active Residents Associations payable on the following incremental basis:

Estates with up to 30 Houses	€400
Estates with over 30 houses	€600

The contribution will be payable on receipt of the following:

- (i) Completed application form signed by the Chairperson of the Residents Association (Appendix 1)
 - a) Proof of Public Liability Insurance
 - b) Receipts/Statement showing expenditure for the previous year
 - c) Work Programme for the year in question
 - d) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association
 - e) Copy of the Residents Associations' Constitution (if not previously submitted)
 - f) Bank details - for payment purposes (if not previously submitted)

It is intended that this flat-rate payment will contribute towards the costs of public liability insurance, maintenance of equipment (service, routine repair, petrol/oil etc), shrubs etc

- 3(b)** Application-based scheme open to active Residents Associations to fund replacement of equipment, extraordinary repairs of equipment and special projects. Applications will be considered on receipt of the following:

- (ii) Completed application form signed by the Chairperson of the Residents Association (Appendix 2)
 - a) Quotations/Detailed costing of proposal

- A Letter of Offer will issue in relation to all approvals under this element of the scheme. It will be a requirement that all conditions of the Letter of Offer are complied with. Any works commenced/equipment purchased prior to receipt of a Letter of Offer are done so at the sole risk of the Residents Association.

- It will be a condition of any grant approval that evidence of the works carried out will be provided on completion of the project e.g. before and after pictures, invoices, receipts etc.
- Expenditure must be incurred and the grant claimed in the year of approval

The level of grant assistance to be allocated to any particular Residents Association will depend on a range of factors including:

- Type of works/project
- Extent to which works/project proposed will address an identified need and promote the active involvement of the residents
- Availability of other sources of funding
- Proposals to maintain the project or activity when completed.
- The extent to which the project will contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives of this Scheme (as set out at No.1 above).
- The capacity of the Residents Association to implement the proposal.
- That the project represents overall value for money.
- Level of funding available under the Scheme & level of application activity.

4. The Scheme will not fund:

- Infrastructural works/projects which are not approved by the Housing Department of Leitrim County Council
- Projects where adequate statutory funding or other funding is clearly available.
- Activities supported by other Local Authority funding sources
- Projects where the activities of the Residents Association fall under the remit of another government department, e.g. health
- Servicing of debt repayments

5. Application, Approval and Payment Process

- Completed application forms must be submitted to the **Administrative Officer, Housing Department, Leitrim County Council, Áras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.**

A closing date for receipt of applications for the 'flat-rate' contribution will be determined by Leitrim County Council each year and will be notified to all Residents Associations

Assistance will be provided through the Housing Office in completing the application form(s) as necessary.

- Only Residents Associations that complete and submit the relevant application form(s) will be considered for Grant Aid under the Scheme. The submission of incomplete data or the absence of information may result in a delay in the consideration of the application. Residents Associations are requested to provide as much detail as possible with their application form.
- All applications will be acknowledged. Residents Associations may be requested to submit additional information in support of their application.
- All applications will be determined by the Housing Department.
- Successful Residents Associations will be informed by way of Letter of Offer.
- An annual report in relation to the Scheme (applications received, grants approved etc) will be provided to the Housing & Corporate Services SPC and the Residents Network.
- Payments will be made directly to the Residents Association's Bank Account



Leitrim County Council

Application for Payment of Special Grant to Residents Associations - 2009

Name of Residents Association:

Number of Houses in Estate/
Represented by Residents Association:

On behalf of the above Residents Association we wish to apply for a special grant in respect of the following works/project:

Nature of Works/Project & Justification	Amount of Grant Sought

In accordance with the terms of the Scheme we have attached quotations / detailed costing of the proposal.

Have you received or applied for grant aid from any other agency/source in respect of this works/project? Yes No

If Yes Please please provide full details:

Agency/Agencies	Amount of Grant Sought/Approved

Please provide details of how your proposal represents value for money and how you propose to maintain the project or activity when completed:

We confirm that we have already submitted the following as part of our application for the flat-rate contribution to Residents Associations for 2009:

Please tick

- Proof of Public Liability Insurance
- Receipts/Statement showing expenditure for 2008
- Minutes of our last Annual General Meeting
- Copy of our Constitution (where not already submitted)
- Bank Details (Account Number & Sort Code)
- Proposed Work Programme for 2009

Bank Account Details:

Account Number: Sort Code:

We understand that any works commenced/equipment purchased prior to receipt of a Letter of Offer from Leitrim County Council are done so at the sole risk of the Residents Association. We also understand that it will be a condition of any grant approval that evidence of the works carried out / equipment purchased will be provided on completion of the project e.g. before and after pictures, invoices, receipts etc.

We also confirm that any grant aid provided will be used solely for the approved project/works.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Secretary

Date:

Completed forms should be returned for the attention of
Sinead Flynn, Housing Officer,
Leitrim County Council,
Áras-an-Chontae,
Carrick-on-Shannon,
Co. Leitrim.

Email: sflynn@leitrimcoco.ie Tel: 071/9650426

(Electronic version available on request)

Application for Special Grant to active Residents Associations 2009



Leitrim County Council

Application for Payment of Flat-Rate Contribution to Residents Associations - 2009

Name of Residents Association:

Number of Houses in Estate/
Represented by Residents Association:

On behalf of the above Residents Association we wish to apply for payment of the flat-rate contribution by Leitrim County Council to active Residents Associations for 2009.

In accordance with the terms of the Scheme we have attached the following:

Please tick

- Proof of Public Liability Insurance
- Receipts/Statement showing expenditure for 2008
- Minutes of our last Annual General Meeting
- Copy of our Constitution (where not already submitted)
- Bank Details (Account Number & Sort Code)
- Proposed Work Programme for 2009

Activities for 2008:

Please detail all expenditure incurred by the group for 2008 i.e. purchase of equipment, insurance costs etc. Proof of expenditure in the format of receipts is also required.

Activities 2008	Actual Cost

Proposed Work Programme for 2009:

Please outline a summary of the proposed activities and anticipated costs for your association for 2009.

Work Programme 2009	Estimated Cost

Bank Account Details:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

We confirm that the payment will be used solely for the benefit of the housing estate.

Signed:

_____ **Chairperson**

Signed:

_____ **Secretary**

Date:

Completed forms should be returned for the attention of

Sinead Flynn,
Housing Officer,
Leitrim County Council,
Aras-an-Chontae,
Carrick-on-Shannon,
Co. Leitrim. Email: sflynn@leitrimcoco.ie Tel: 071/9650426

(Electronic versions are available on request)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

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26th June 2009

*Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA*

***RE: Item No. 7 on Agenda for Council Meeting 6th July 2009
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee***

Dear Councillor

In accordance with Sections 21 and 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, Leitrim County Council is required to establish a new Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) to advise on the provision and management of accommodation. Under Section 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, it is provided that the Local Authority Members appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee should not exceed one half of the membership and the representatives of local Travellers shall not be less than one quarter of the membership.

The following members were appointed to the LTACC at the Annual meeting of Leitrim County Council on the 19th June 2009:-

Councillor Sinead Guckian
Councillor Francis Gilmartin
Councillor Gerard Reynolds
Councillor John Ward
Councillor Thomas Mulligan
Councillor Enda Stenson

The Leitrim County Council officials nominated for appointment to the new LTACC are Ms. Sinead Flynn, Administrative Officer and Ms. Linda Flanagan, Senior Social Worker.

The nominees selected by the Carrick-on-Shannon and Mohill Travellers for appointment to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee are:-

Mr. Bernard McDonagh
Mrs. Mary McDonagh
Mrs. Mary Stokes
Mr. Edward Stokes

The approval of the Council is hereby sought for the appointment of the Traveller Representatives and Officials as set out above to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Yours sincerely

Mary Quinn
Director of Service
Housing and Corporate Services

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

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6th July 2009

**Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA**

**Re: Local Government Fund – General Purpose Grant –
Revised Allocation following April 09 Budget**

Dear Member,

On 24th June 2009 the Department notified Leitrim County Council of the revised Local Government Fund for 2009, including implications of other financial adjustments following the April 2009 Budget (copy of Circular already circulated to Members).

The 3.22% reduction in Local Government Fund equates to €492,816 and, together with the reduction in the road grants allocation equates to a total reduction of €4,154,286 in the Councils funding for 2009.

Furthermore all other sources of income are presently falling short of budgetary expectations, however every is being made to ensure all sources of income are maximised and collected. These combined factors reduces the available spend for Leitrim County Council from €44.7m to less than €40 million for 2009. It remains a requirement, however, that Leitrim County Council maintains expenditure within the available budget and avoid any deficit on the revenue account which will prove extremely difficult.

As Members are aware, in December 2008, the Council approved a budget for 2009 on the basis that €400,000 savings would be achieved through a voluntary redundancy scheme. Despite submissions made to the Department regarding the implementation by Leitrim County Council of an Early Retirement Scheme, an approved scheme only issued in May 2009. Details of the Local Authority Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement were circulated to all staff in May 2009. A number of expressions of interest from staff were received. However, to date no formal applications have been received. The closing date for receipt of applications is 14th July 2009, following which all applications will be assessed. Decisions in relation to all applications will be issued by mid September 2009 in accordance with the terms of the Scheme. At this point, I am not in a position to identify the potential level of applications and the payroll savings arising from the Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement that may accrue for the remainder of 2009.

To date in 2009, areas of spend have been continually reviewed in order to identify where possible savings can be achieved. Where appropriate, goods and services have been re-tendered e.g. plant, materials, machinery, stationery, electricity etc and initial indications would suggest that savings of between 7% and 10% are achievable. However, Leitrim County Council will not benefit from the full impact of these savings until the latter half of the year.

Areas of discretionary spend across all programme areas have been reviewed and where possible reductions have been implemented resulting in combined savings of approx €170,000.

Furthermore, some additional payroll savings have been achieved through a number of unanticipated retirements and the non payment of the national pay increase resulting in overall savings of approximately €200,000.

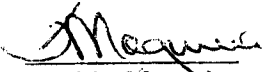
Prevailing interest rates have also impacted positively on current spend and a potential saving of €120,000 should materialise provided interest rates remain at current levels for the remainder of the year.

The legislation in relation to the Charges for Non Principal Private Residences is expected to be finalised in July 2009. It is envisaged that this will provide an additional source of income but at this time the exact amount cannot be quantified for 2009. The charge applicable is €200 per house with the potential of generating €100,000 for every 500 houses.

At this point in time it is difficult to anticipate how the Council can remain within its revised allocated budget without significant impact on service provision.

The financial position is being kept under continuous review and further updates will be provided to Members on a regular basis.

Yours sincerely


Jackie Maguire
Leitrim County Manager