



Hal Balzan Local Council

Annual Budget

2010

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1.0 Overview and Summary

Introduction

With the launching of the Local Council's reform we see that the central government changed the financial year for local council so that we now start our financial year on the 1st January. The budget for last year shown here covers 9 months, 1st April – 31st December.

The Central Government intends to hand over more responsibilities to local councils and the launching of schemes to better finance councils' operations. The Budget allocation for the current year has increased by 23% over last years' allocation. Increasing costs are expected to rise when tenders come up for renewal later in the year and in actual fact the increase will soon be absorbed.

We would like to note that the actual waste we are generating from the locality is 65% more than the statistics provided to us by the National Statistics Office. This means that the Council will have to find funds to the amount of €16,000 to cover this amount of tipping fees which the Central Government is not funding.

We will be issuing a call for tenders with regards to refuse collection now that the documents have been finalised by the central government and local council's association. We will also have to issue tenders for street sweeping towards the end of this financial year as this tender closes on the 17th June 2010.

We have just gone out to tender with Birkirkara Local Council with regards to the provision of services for road maintenance, maintenance and upkeep of the Public Garden and soft areas and maintenance of traffic signs and road markings. We are in the process of allocating the tender at the time of writing.

We currently have two part-time clerks but if pressure of work increases we will have to allocate more funds to meet needs. The central government launched a scheme whereby the ETC supplied us with a person who has been helping out with maintenance at the office. His salary is paid by ETC under this scheme and I must say the office is very much better maintained. This scheme is intended to help local councils financially whilst helping those registering for work to find employment. Unfortunately the six month term of this agreement is nearly up so we will have to find an alternative unless ETC extend the scheme.

There are several other central government scheme in the pipeline intended to help councils and we hope to be able to apply under these scheme to receive funding. We were informed that we will get funding under the sports initiative but have not yet been informed how much funds have been allocated. We will be able to organize aerobic and pilates classes under this initiative.

We intend to apply for as many schemes as we possibly can if we are eligible. In the pipeline are the clean energy initiative, restoration of small historical properties, upgrading of village cores under ERDF Axis 2, PPP for Roads, We will also be looking into possible EU funding with the help of MEUSAC and also applying for more funding under the MEPA Urban Improvement Funds a scheme.

During the last year we applied for funding to upgrade the pavements in Guze Bonnici Street, Pjazza Bertu Fenech and Dun Spir Sammut Street under MEPA's UIF. We will this year apply for funding to resurface Guze Bonnici Street.

The Wesgħa Prof. Guze' Aquilina project is on hold at the moment because of lthe court case initiated by the Good Shepherd Convent against the Central Government after the road was passed without the land being expropriated way back in the 1970's. We hope a decision is taken without further delay so that this project is started as soon as possible.

Unfortunately the financial allocation doesn't permit the council to launch any major projects but we will do utmost to put our case forward for the resurfacing of certain street that are in bad need of repair. We did try last year, unfortunately we were not successful. Last year's hard earned experience with regards to the resurfacing of part of Qarçilla Street and part of Patri Guze Delia Street where we had to replace the road base will not repeated. Streets who's road base we suspect is made up of soil will not be reconstructed by the council but we will insist that these roads are done by the central government. We have already started the ball rolling by giving a list of suspected street to the central government and we intend to follow up on it until desired results are achieved.

We will do our utmost to make the most of available funds to improve services for the benefit of residents and visitors to the locality.

Dr. J. Zammit Montebello
Mayor

Maria Zammit
Executive Secretary

2.0 Estimates for Income and Expenditure**2.1 Consolidated Estimates of Income and Expenditure**

ACCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2009 €	BUDGET 2010 €	VAR BUD-BUD €
2	Income			
0000	Government	161,931.75	268,851.30	106,919.55
0020	Bye-laws	750.00	500.00	(250.00)
0090	Investment	0.00	0.00	
0100	General	3,472.50	3,930.00	457.50
	TOTAL	166,154.25	273,281.30	107,127.05
1	Expenditure			
1000	Personal emoluments	41,608.44	55,640.51	14,032.07
2000	Operations and maintenance	116,276.97	230,777.94	114,500.97
7000	Capital Expenditure	34,119.15	23,460.30	(10,658.85)
	TOTAL	192,004.56	309,878.75	117,874.19
	Balance	(25,850.31)	(36,597.45)	(10,747.14)

Note: The budget for the year 2009 shown only covers 9 months (April – Dec)

Estimates of Income and Expenditure (cont.)

2.2 Detailed Estimates of Income

ACCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	a	c	c-a
		BUDGET 2009 €	BUDGET 2010 €	VAR BUD-BUD €
2	Income			
0000	Government			
0001	Annual	161,931.75	245,891.00	83,959.25
0002	Supplementary			
0003	Special needs			
0004	Public/government delegations		22,960.30	22,960.30
0015	Other			
		161,931.75	268,851.30	106,919.55
0020	Bye-Laws			
0021	Community Services			
0036	Contravention of bye-laws			
0056	Sponsorships			
0066	General	750.00	500.00	(250.00)
		750.00	500.00	(250.00)
0090	Investment			
0091	Bank interest			
0096	Government securities			
		0.00	0.00	0.00
0100	General			
0110	Donations	97.50	350.00	252.50
0120	Contributions	3,375.00	3,580.00	205.00
		3,472.50	3,930.00	457.50
TOTAL		166,154.25	273,281.30	107,127.05

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*Estimates of Income and Expenditure (cont.)***2.3 Detailed Estimates of Expenditure**

ACCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	a	c	a-c
		BUDGET 2009 €	BUDGET 2010 €	VAR BUD-BUD €
1	Expenditure			
1000	Personal Emoluments			
1100	Mayor's allowance	4,556.25	6,364.00	1,807.75
1200	Employee salaries and wages	30,541.86	36,149.81	5,607.95
1300	Bonuses	1,160.79	540.41	(620.38)
1400	Income supplements	2,424.72	242.26	(2,182.46)
1500	Social Security contributions	2,662.74	3,209.15	546.41
1600	Allowances	262.08	9,134.88	8,872.80
1700	Overtime			
		41,608.44	55,640.51	14,032.07
2000	Operations and maintenance			
2100	Utilities	8,714.22	7,560.00	(1,154.22)
2200	Materials and supplies	3,412.50	2,400.00	(1,012.50)
2300	Repair and upkeep	32,502.75	45,486.98	12,984.23
2400	Rent	1,116.00	1,488.00	372.00
2500	National / International memberships	502.50	900.00	397.50
2600	Office services	1,770.00	2,350.00	580.00
2700	Transport		0.00	
2800	Travel		0.00	
2900	Information services	1,912.50	1,800.00	(112.50)
3000	Contractual services	57,159.00	158,605.02	101,446.02
3100	Professional services	6,900.00	5,667.94	(1,232.06)
3200	Training	0.00	0.00	
3300	Community and hospitality	2,100.00	4,270.00	2,170.00
3400	Incidental expenses	187.50	250.00	62.50
		116,276.97	230,777.94	114,500.97
7000	Capital Expenditure			
7001	Acquisition of property			
7100	Construction	34,119.15		(34,119.15)
7200	Improvements		500.00	500.00
7300	Equipment		0.00	
7500	Special programmes		22,960.30	22,960.30
		34,119.15	23,460.30	(10,658.85)
TOTAL		192,004.56	309,878.75	117,874.19

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3.0 Capital Expenditure Estimates**3.0 Capital Expenditure Estimates**

Acct. No. Project No.	Capital Expenditure Project Description	2009 CARRY OVER		2010		2010
		ACCNT €	PROJECT €	ACCNT €	PROJECT €	ACCNT TOTAL €
7001	Acquisition of property					
7100	Construction					
7200	Improvements Office Shelving			500.00	500.00	500.00
7300	Equipment					
7500	Special programmes Church Square area (UIF)			22,960.30	22,960.30	22,960.30
		0.00		23,460.30		23,460.30

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4.0 Cash Budget

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ACCNT No.	DESCRIPTION	QTR 4	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	TOTAL
		JAN-MAR 2010 €	APR-JUN 2010 €	JUL-SEP 2010 €	OCT-DEC 2010 €	2010 €
2	Income					
0000	Government					
0001	Annual	61472.75	61,472.75	61,472.75	61,472.75	245,891.00
0002	Supplementary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0003	Special needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0004	Public/government delegations	0.00	22,960.30	0.00	0.00	22,960.30
0015	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0020	Bye-Laws					
0021	Community services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0036	Contravention of bye-laws	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0056	Sponsorships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0066	General services	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	500.00
0090	Investment					
0091	Bank interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0096	Government securities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0100	General					
0110	Donations	87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50	350.00
0120	Contributions	895.00	895.00	895.00	895.00	3,580.00
	TOTAL	62,580.25	85,540.55	62,580.25	62,580.25	273,281.30
1	Expenditure					
1000	Personal Emoluments					
1100	Mayor's Allowance	1,591.00	1,591.00	1,591.00	1,591.00	6,364.00
1200	Employee salaries and wages	9,037.45	9,037.45	9,037.45	9,037.45	36,149.81
1300	Bonuses	135.10	135.10	135.10	135.10	540.40
1400	Income supplements	60.56	60.56	60.56	60.56	242.24
1500	Social Security contributions	802.29	802.29	802.29	802.29	3,209.16
1600	Allowances	2,283.72	2,283.72	2,283.72	2,283.72	9,134.88
1700	Overtime	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	Operations and maintenance					
2100	Utilities	1,890.00	1,890.00	1,890.00	1,890.00	7,560.00
2200	Materials and supplies	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	2,400.00
2300	Repair and upkeep	11,371.75	11,371.75	11,371.75	11,371.75	45,487.00
2400	Rent	372.00	372.00	372.00	372.00	1,488.00
2500	National/International memberships	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	900.00
2600	Office Services	587.50	587.50	587.50	587.50	2,350.00
2700	Transport		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2800	Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2900	Information services	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	1,800.00
3000	Contractual services	39,651.25	39,651.25	39,651.26	39,651.26	158,605.02
3100	Professional services	1,416.99	1,416.99	1,416.99	1,416.99	5,667.94
3300	Community and hospitality	1,067.50	1,067.50	1,067.50	1,067.50	4,270.00
3400	Incidental expenses	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	250.00
7000	Capital Expenditure					
7001	Acquisition of property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7100	Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7200	Improvements to property	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	500.00
7300	Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7500	Special programmes	22,960.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,960.30
	TOTAL	94,689.91	71,729.61	71,729.62	71,729.62	309,878.75
	SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(32,109.66)	13,810.94	(9,149.37)	(9,149.37)	(36,597.45)
	BROUGHT FORWARD	65,280.00	33,170.34	46,981.28	37,831.92	65,280.00
	CARRY FORWARD	33,170.34	46,981.28	37,831.92	28,682.55	28,682.55

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