



Town Hall,
Parliament Square,
Ramsey,
Isle of Man.

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13th August, 2010.

Sir/Madam,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on **Wednesday, 18th August, 2010**, at 7.00 p.m.

BUSINESS

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Messrs. B. Beattie and G. K. Quayle

- 2. Minutes for Adoption:** pages: 1 - 7
 - Minutes of the Board Meeting held 21st July, 2010.

- 3. Brief Presentation on Community Policing in the North of the Island:**

Inspector D. Flint will attend the meeting from 7.00 p.m. to make a brief Presentation.

- 4. Chairman's Report:** page: 8
 - Meeting for the Business Community
 - Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal – Flooding in Pakistan
 - Civic Duties

- 5. Town Clerk's Reports:** pages: 9 - 18
 - ASSI Designation Ramsey Harbour (WD)
 - ASSI Designation Ramey Harbour – User Consent (WD)
 - Bleak House (WD)
 - Consultation on the Draft Race Relations Act (FGP)
(Amendment of Schedule) Order
 - Former Albert Road School - Demolition (WD/FGP)
 - Freedom of Information Bill (FGP)

- 6. Finance Officer's Report:** (FGP) pages: 19 - 22

- Revenue Accounts
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- Rates

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- Planning Applications
- Appendices
- General Report
 - Lezayre Housing Estate - Progress Report
 - Refurbishment of Properties Brookhill and Seamount Road (HP)
 - Cooil Road Development Order Inquiry
 - Control of Injurious Weeds

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- Enforcement Actions (FGP)

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- Lease of Former Swimming Pool Premises to Buffalo Bowling and Leisure (FGP)
- Tram Crossing Walpole Drive (WD)
- Commemorative Flower Bed IOM Women's Institute (PL)
- Charitable Collections (FGP)
- Taubman Street Parking (WD)
- Centenary of Guiding Flower Bed (PL)
- Tender Processes (FGP)
- Development Poyll Dooley (WD)
- Sprinkler Systems – Public Sector Housing (HP)
- Advertising Hoardings (WD)
- Manx National Heritage – Service Delivery Plan 2010 (FGP)
- Covenant on Land Swales Terrace (FGP)

10. Any other Business:
(By permission of Chairman)

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
AUGUST, 2010.**

Fellow Members,

Meeting for the Business Community:

I take the opportunity to record my thanks to my fellow Members who kindly gave up their time to attend the community meeting held in the Town Hall on 11th August, 2010.

The informal gathering was an opportunity for members of the business community to meet with Members of the Board and its officers and was well received. As a result I propose to repeat the exercise in six months time.

Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal – Flooding Pakistan:

In accordance with existing policy, permission was granted to the One World Centre to respond to the emergency declared by the DEC due to the severe flooding in Pakistan, to make street collections in Ramsey on 13th and 14th August, 2010.

Civic Duties:

My Civic Duties have very much had a sporting theme since my July Report and I have been delighted to present awards at competitions organised by North Ramsey Bowling Club; Ramsey Golf Club and the Northern Athletic Club.

I thank all concerned for the hospitality afforded me during the presentations and record my congratulations to all the trophy winners and indeed to all the competitors.

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12th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
BLEAK HOUSE - CONDITION
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Further to previous reports with regard to the making of an Order by His Honour the High Bailiff on 23rd March, 2010, requiring the owner of the property Bleak House, Mooragh Promenade by 15th August 2010 to either

- a. execute such work as is necessary to obviate the dangerous condition of the building (as identified in paragraph numbered '3.' in the report dated 6th October 2009 of MacOwan Collett Consulting Engineers); or
- b. if they so elect, demolish the building or any dangerous part of it and remove any rubbish resulting from the demolition;

members are advised that a meeting will be arranged with the Environmental Health Inspectorate, Structural Engineers and the Board's Advocates as a result of which a report will be prepared which may require special consideration.

Recommendation: To be noted and further report.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

12th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Council of Ministers has launched a further round of consultation on draft legislation to give the public a legal right of access to Government information.

The Freedom of Information [FOI] Bill strengthens the public's rights by putting the principles of the current Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, in place since 1996, on to a statutory basis. The proposed Bill applies to local authorities as well as to Government (presently the Code of Practice only applies to the latter) and includes a range of exemptions in line with the FOI legislation in the United Kingdom.

The Council of Ministers has invited views on the Consultation Document which can be downloaded from the Chief Secretary's Office website at www.gov.im/cso or can be emailed on request by contacting Jeanette.Williams@gov.im or by telephone on 01624 685704. Copies are also available from the Tynwald Library, Legislative Buildings, Finch Road, Douglas, and a copy has been lodged in the Ramsey Town Library.

The deadline for the receipt of views is 5pm, Friday, September 10, 2010.

A copy of the full report was circulated to Members for information within the agenda papers for the July meeting and the matter placed for consideration at the August meeting to allow members time to digest the information provided and consider any comments they would wish to make.

Recommendation: for consideration

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

11th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT RACE RELATIONS ACT
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

- 1.1 The Race Relations Act 2004 (“the Act”) received Royal Assent on 15 June 2004 but it has not yet been brought into operation. The purpose of the Act is to promote equal treatment in the provision of goods and services by requiring public authorities to exercise their functions in a way that eliminates unlawful racial discrimination and promotes equality of opportunity and good relations between people of different racial groups.
 - 1.2 One reason for the delay in making an Appointed Day Order to bring the Act into operation has been the need for one or more codes of practice to be made to provide additional guidance on the implementation of the Act.
 - 1.3 Although the power to bring the Act into operation rests with the Council of Ministers, the power to make codes of practice under section 16 of the Act rests with the Department of Home Affairs.
 - 1.4 The Department of Home Affairs published such a draft code of practice, the purpose of which is to offer practical guidance to public authorities on the implementation of the Act. The Code seeks to enable public authorities to consider what reasonable steps they may take for the purpose of assisting their employees to avoid acting in a manner that is prohibited by the Act. 1 for public consultation on 1 April 2010 and the consultation closed on 21 May 2010. Very few responses were received by the Department, but consideration of those responses led to some minor amendments being made to the draft code. Both the Department and the Council of Ministers are now content that the draft Code may be laid before Tynwald after the summer recess with a view to the Council of Ministers bringing the Act into operation.
 - 1.5 In considering bringing the Act into operation it became apparent that certain references to other legislation contained in the Schedule to the Act were now out of date and should be amended when the Act comes into operation.
 - 1.6 The Council of Ministers has the power to amend the Schedule to the Act by an Order made under paragraph 15 of the Schedule, which states:
“15. (1) The Council of Ministers may by order amend this Schedule by repealing, altering or adding to its provisions.
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**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation on the Draft Race Relations Act
(Amendment of Schedule) Order – August, 2010, Public Continued:**

- (2) Before making an order under this paragraph the Council of Ministers shall-
- (a) consult with such organisations in the Island as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by the order; and
 - (b) satisfy itself that the order will not operate so as to contravene the provisions of any international agreement which extends to the Island.
- (3) An order under this paragraph shall be laid before Tynwald as soon as practicable after it is made, and if Tynwald at the sitting at which the order is laid or at the next following sitting fails to approve it, the order shall cease to have effect.”

- 1.7 In relation to the requirements set out in paragraph 15(2) of the Schedule the Attorney General's Chambers was consulted. It advised that as the proposed amendment Order is only to update references to legislation it was satisfied that the order would not operate so as to contravene the provisions of any international agreement which extends to the Island.
- 1.8 In addition, as the amendment Order is to make a purely technical amendment to the Schedule rather than a substantive amendment (such as the addition or deletion of actions that are not unlawful under the Act) the Attorney General's Chambers suggested that no interests would substantially affected by the Order. Nonetheless, the Council of Ministers agreed that the draft Order should still be subject to a period of general public consultation before it is made and the Act brought into operation.
- 1.9 A copy of the draft Race Relations Act 2004 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2010 is available for Members perusal if required. The full text of the Act may be found on the internet at: <http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/infocentre/acts/rra2004.pdf>
- 2.1 The Council of Ministers would be grateful to receive comments on the draft Race Relations Act 2004 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2010, closing date for the receipt of comments is Monday, 13th September 2010.
- 2.4 The purpose of consultation is not to be a referendum but an information, views and evidence gathering exercise from which to take an informed decision. In any consultation exercise the responses received do not guarantee changes will be made to what has been proposed.

Recommendation: to be noted, subject to any specific comments wished to be made by Members.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

11th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ASSI DESIGNATION RAMSEY HARBOUR
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Further to the notification of the designation of the Ramsey Harbour Estuary as an area of special scientific interest, the Commission has held 2 private meetings with the Minister and officers of the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture, with a number of interested parties invited to attend the second meeting. The meetings were held initially in private so as to enable members to be better informed as to the process and implications of the designation before entering into informed public debate.

The meetings were held on the 19th July, 2010, and 9th August, 2010, and at the conclusion of the second meeting it was agreed that there is required to be held a public meeting at which the Department could present the reasons for the designation and advise interested persons as to the impact the designation could have on the harbour and surrounding areas. A date for this meeting is to be confirmed.

Although the meetings were held in private the Chairman has indicated that the subjects of the discussions held may be appropriate to be brought into the public minutes particularly as they will provide useful background information to any person who may wish to attend a public meeting, or may wish to make a submission in respect of the designation.

Under the designation process a five month consultation period will apply, ending on 25th October, 2010. Following this date, the ASSI will be formally confirmed, varied or rescinded by the Minister for DEFA depending on relevant information DEFA has received from consultees. Full details of the designation and documents related thereto are available for perusal at the Town Library or on the Commissioners website at:- <http://ramsey.gov.im/default.aspx/categories/137/Ramsey-Wildlife/articles/321/Designation-of-Ramsey-Estuary-as-ASSI/>

Recommendation: that the minutes of the meetings held with the Minister and representatives of the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture on the 19th July, 2010 and the 9th August, 2010 be brought into the public minutes.

11th August, 2010.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ASSI DESIGNATION RAMSEY HARBOUR – USERS CONSENT
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Following the meeting on 9th August 2010 the Commission has been provided with a copy of the DRAFT consent proposed to be issued to the DoI in respect of normal harbour operations. A copy is appended hereto.

The Department has requested that comments on the DRAFT consent need to be forwarded by 2nd September, 2010.

Recommendation: for discussion

11th August, 2010.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive



Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture

To: Isle of Man Harbours
Department of Infrastructure
Sea Terminal
Douglas
IM1 2RF

Site: Ramsey Estuary ASSI

Event: Ongoing harbour operations

Notice of consent to undertake an activity or activities which are listed in Appendix II (Operations Likely to Damage the Special Interest of the Site) to the site notification documents, and required under section 27 (5) of the Wildlife Act 1990.

DEFA hereby agrees that, as owner of this site, you may carry out or cause or permit to be carried out the activities specified overleaf within the areas and in the manner therein prescribed.

By this notice of consent one of the conditions of section 27 (5) of the Wildlife Act 1990 is fulfilled, and there is accordingly no need for you to give advance notice to this department when you propose to have these activities carried out in accordance with the prescription.

This consent may be amended or revoked by the Department at any time. It is granted to you personally as the owner or occupier and is not transferable to a future owner or occupier.

Signed:

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Biodiversity Officer (Designations)
for and on behalf of Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture

Date: 30th July 2010

Activities to which this consent applies:

Operation No.	Consented activities permitted within Ramsey Harbour (defined as the area seaward of Bowring Road Bridge and including the Old Harbour).
6	The application of hypochlorite as weed killer on all slipways and harbour steps on a regular basis. The application of Hypochlorite on the Grid, as and when required.
7 , 24 & 26	Harbour bed dredging and levelling throughout the harbour, but especially by the shipyard and the commercial berths. This includes the clearance of loose rock, stones, mud and silt. Work may be carried out as and when required, but the period January to April inclusive is preferable for environmental reasons.

	The use of a vehicle in the harbour at low tide to undertake the levelling.
10	<p>The provisions of this ASSI will not prohibit fishing activities which are undertaken in accordance with the Inland Fisheries Act 1976, Inland Fisheries Regulations 1983, Sea Fisheries Act 1971, the Sea Fisheries (Consolidation) Bye-laws 1984 and the Sea Fisheries (Technical Measures) Bye-laws 2000. For more information on fisheries legislation, please contact the Fisheries Directorate on 685857.</p> <p>Please note: Angling events are not covered by this consent and will need to be considered by DEFA.</p> <p>The removal of dead wild animals from the harbour area as and when required.</p>
11	The removal of dead wood from the harbour area to prevent interference with harbour operations or vessel damage.
7 & 13	Discharge of storm water drains into the harbour from various parts of Ramsey and the surrounding area. Monitored but not controlled by IOM Harbours.
18	Bait digging in harbour areas only when permitted in writing to a third party by IOM Harbours (as required under the Harbour byelaws).
19 & 23	Emergency work to carry out essential repairs to damaged sea defences and/or coastal protection, including landslip drainage or stabilisation measures may be carried out at any time when urgent works prevent consultation with DEFA.
7, 21 & 23	Emergency and/or temporary construction, removal or destruction of walls, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks may be required for essential harbour maintenance.
19, 21 & 23	Emergency works to repair swing bridge and viaduct
20 & 25	The collection of samples from the harbour bed for current or future works, including quay repairs, installation of marina, or any other harbour improvement scheme.
26 & 27	The mooring of craft within the harbour. Moorings include quayside moorings and harbour-bed chain moorings. Renewal of chains when required.

Conditions:

Under Section 27(10) of the Wildlife Act it is a reasonable excuse in any event for a person to carry out an operation if the operation was an emergency operation particulars of which (including details of the emergency) were notified to the Department as soon as practicable after the commencement of the operation.

Time period of consent: Five years after which the consent would be reviewed and re-issued.

Signed:

Biodiversity Officer (Designations)
for and on behalf of Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture

Date: 30th July 2010

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FORMER ALBERT ROAD SCHOOL - DEMOLITION
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Further to the report considered at the May meeting, at which time the Commission agreed to act as Client in relation to the proposed demolition of the former Albert Road School, the Town Clerk has recently met representative of the Department of Social Care to discuss the proposed programme for demolition.

The Department has confirmed that the demolition will proceed with the Commission as Client and for this purpose formal approval is required to the appointment of a planning supervisor, and subject to competence and resource checks, Consultant Engineers. The site remains in the ownership of the Department of Education and Children who will provide a licence to the Commission to proceed with the development and to use the site pending agreement tot future development proposals presently being considered.

Subject to appointments and acceptable tender it is anticipated that the works would be completed before the end of March 2011.

For the period of the contract it will be necessary to make alternative arrangements for the Farmers Market and this is currently being discussed with organisers, planning consent will be required to be sought for the creation of the temporary car park.

The Department has recommended, and Capital Projects Unit concurrence has been provided, that the planning supervisor role be undertaken by SafetyNet Limited. SafetyNet are presently employed by the Commission on the redevelopment of Lezayre Estate and are considered to be competent and have the resources available to undertake the role. It has also been recommended that McOwan Collett be appointed as Consultant Engineer, a competence and resource check will be undertaken by the planning supervisor.

The project would incorporate the undertaking of a full invasive asbestos survey of the building; creation of new access off Albert Road; removal of any identified asbestos; demolition of the main school, dining hall, and outbuildings including removal of foundations; clearance of the site with any reusable materials being recovered and the creating of an open area temporarily surfaced and lined for short-term use as a car parking pending future development.

Following completion it is proposed that the site would be managed by Ramsey Town Commissioners to provide temporary car-parking. Funding for the scheme is to be provided through the Local Authority Housing Capital Programme, and will form a charge against Housing Account met by annual deficiency payments provided by Government.

**Town Clerk's Report – Former Albert Road School Demolition
August, 2010 – Public Continued:**

Recommendation: formal appointments are made in respect of SafetyNet Limited as planning supervisors and for the undertaking of an asbestos survey, and subject to competence and resource checks, McOwan Collett Consulting Engineers, to proceed to tender stage on a scheme to demolish the former Albert Road School and associated outbuildings and the creation of a temporary car-park.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

12th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT
AUGUST, 2010, - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

- **Revenue Accounts:**

Payments totalling £ 343,624.72 were made in July, 2010. Details of the net invoices paid during the period are attached as Appendix 1.

I recommend that the Board grant approval for payment of the Revenue Accounts.

- **Capital Accounts:**

Attached as Appendix 2 are details of accounts for the month of July, 2010, totalling:-

£ 595,274.97

- **Rates:**

We have received from Treasury further payments of rates for the current financial year totalling £1,544,307.78, bringing the total to date to £1,764,923.18.

Treasury has also supplied the 2nd Supplemental Rating List for 2010 which indicates a small decrease in the gross and rateable values for the Town (mainly due to the Lezayre Estate demolitions,) as follows:

	Gross £	Rateable £	Gross £	Rateable £
Existing List			769,433	671,465
Valuations Added	7,642	6,114		
Valuations Cancelled	<u>9,358</u>	<u>7,487</u>		
	- 1,716	- 1,373	<u>- 1,716</u>	<u>- 1,373</u>
Totals			<u><u>767,717</u></u>	<u><u>670,092</u></u>

**J. M. O. Bird,
Finance Officer.**

11th August, 2010.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT
**ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31st
July 2010**

Sum of Net		
Supplier	Total	
1st Galaxy Fireworks Ltd	£	1,175.00
2e2 (IOM) Ltd	£	273.34
A & B Metal Fabrications	£	704.48
Agrimark Ltd	£	73.44
AJM Plumbing & Heating Ltd	£	284.35
Bertram Library Services	£	1,458.06
Bridson & Horrox Ltd	£	1,418.14
Cemex Island Aggregates Ltd	£	786.13
Chas E Richmond Ltd	£	6,681.22
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd	£	936.61
Crosby Silver Band	£	143.00
Dalrymple Associates	£	7,510.62
Dave Perry	£	1,612.43
Dennis Barnfield Ltd	£	36,542.50
Dennis Eagle Ltd	£	6,485.77
Dickinson Cruickshank	£	583.13
Douglas Town Band	£	143.00
Edmundson Electrical Ltd	£	155.49
Feltons Ironmongers	£	3,346.60
Fire Security Limited	£	149.35
Flowplant Group Ltd	£	505.25
Freeport Freight Services Ltd	£	33.62
Furnitureland	£	1,131.00
G4S Secure Solutions (Isle of Man) Ltd	£	1,446.12
Go Marketing Ltd	£	265.46
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd	£	248.12
Holmes Grace	£	475.65
HSS Hire Group Ltd	£	540.27
Isle of Man Government	£	51,151.35
Isle of Man Library Services	£	157.99
Isle of Man Water Authority	£	4,606.84
Lloyds Pharmacy	£	5.00
Lombard Manx Leasing Ltd	£	117.50
Mac's Builders Merchant	£	477.12
Magnet Ltd	£	197.40
MannVend Ltd	£	557.71
Manx Business Solutions Ltd	£	56.51
Manx Control Systems Ltd	£	58.75
Manx Electricity	£	19,074.83
Manx Telecom Ltd	£	1,158.15
McGarrigle & Jackson	£	1,471.16
Mr S Quirk	£	519.00
National Westminster Bank	£	10.00
NK Joinery Limited Group	£	6,759.05
Northern Tile Centre Ltd	£	55.65
Office Equipment Centre (1978) Ltd	£	80.06
Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd	£	423.48
Outlook Window Systems Ltd	£	2,587.07
P & M Window Cleaners	£	510.52

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

**ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31st
July 2010**

|Pacesetter (1981) Ltd

| £

116.32 |

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT**ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31st
July 2010**

Paul Wheeler Ltd	£	10,567.71
Pickwicks	£	53.99
Ramsey Press	£	145.00
Ramsey Skips	£	31.73
Ramsey Town Commissioners	£	282.27
Raymotors Ltd	£	436.94
read - The Reading Agency Ltd	£	246.11
Smith of Derby Ltd	£	489.98
Splinters D.I.Y. Store	£	79.00
St. Paul's Bookshop	£	582.83
STM Polythene Ltd	£	125.61
T&GWU	£	110.43
T.H. Colebourn Ltd	£	105.75
The Post Office	£	774.00
The Ramsey Steamship Co. Ltd	£	472.82
The Works Ramsey Ltd	£	2,714.51
Tip Top Cleaners (2006) Ltd	£	3,147.84
Total (IOM) Ltd	£	9,370.26
Ulverscroft Large Print Books	£	930.29
Unique Fire Protection (IOM)	£	750.88
Vannin Officepoint	£	7.04
W.D.S. Ltd	£	291.52
W.F. Howes Ltd	£	224.43
Westminster Car Restorations Ltd	£	250.00
Whittaker Trading Ltd	£	2,230.10
Wolseley UK Ltd	£	768.83
Grand Total	£	200,449.48

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31st JULY, 2010
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Acc. No.	Payee	Description	Amount	Total
23	Auldyn construction Ltd	Ballure Road Apartments		32,066.32
24	Dalrymple Associates	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4	4,222.20	
		Brookhill / Seamount Refurb Fees	5,832.37	
		Brookhill / Seamount Refurb	5,176.40	15,230.97
25	Dave Perry Ltd	L.H.E. Further Fees		30.00
26	C E Richmond Ltd	L.H.E. Further Fees		33.50
27	Auldyn Construction Ltd	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4		485,731.20
28	McGarrigle & Jackson	L.H.E. Phase 5	4,289.10	
		L.H.E. Further Fees	4,117.56	8,406.66
29	Holmes Grace	L.H.E. Further Fees		2,718.00
30	Euler Hermes UK Plc	L.H.E. Phase 5		6,625.41
31	NK Joinery Ltd	Brookhill / Seamount Refurb		38,623.15
32	Dalrymple Associates	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4	3,666.91	
		L.H.E. Phase 5	2,142.85	5,809.76
TOTAL				£ 595,274.97

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – AUGUST, 2010**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following applications have been received from the Department of Local Government and the Environment under the planning consultation procedures. The applications are listed for consideration subject to comments where appended.

REF NO: 2752 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: 10/00810/A
APPLICANT: Positive Youth c/o Mr. P. Quayle
PROPOSED: Approval in principle to combine shop units and adjacent mall arcade to form a youth club activities centre
NOTES: Approval in Principle
SITE: **Units I to U, Victoria Mall, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2761
P.A. NO.: 10/01022/B
APPLICANT: Mrs. M. Bird
PROPOSED: Erection of a detached conservatory
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Keyll Ghlass, Grove Mount, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2762
P.A. NO.: 10/01057/C
APPLICANT: Total Media Limited
PROPOSED: Change of use from laundry to office accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **St Pauls Launderette, Unit 1, St Pauls Square, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2763
P.A. NO.: 10/01108/B
APPLICANT: Mrs. E. McKay
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement windows to front elevation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **2, Viking House, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2764
P.A. NO.: 10/01112/B
APPLICANT: Dr. & Mrs. I. Kewley
PROPOSED: Alterations to existing conservatory
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Pier House, Stanley Mount East, Ramsey**

Chief Technical Officer's Report
Planning Applications – August, 2010 – Public Continued:

REF NO: 2765
P.A. NO.: 10/01119/B
APPLICANT: Total Media Limited
PROPOSED: Conversion of existing offices to twelve permanent apartments
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Units 231 - 242, Viking Aparthotel, Second Floor Offices, St Pauls Square, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2766
P.A. NO.: 10/01126/B
APPLICANT: Sylvia Anne Corlett
PROPOSED: Erection of a replacement garage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **St. Margaret's, Queen's Grove, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2767
P.A. NO.: 10/01128/B
APPLICANT: Mr. W. P. & Mrs. N. Holland
PROPOSED: Extensions to dwelling and creation of additional off road parking
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **71, Greenlands Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2768
P.A. NO.: 10/01132/B
APPLICANT: Matthew Alistair Greenbank and Susan Jean Greenbank
PROPOSED: Creation of vehicular access and driveway
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **17, Brookfield Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2769
P.A. NO.: 10/01144/C
APPLICANT: Mr. P. McCann
PROPOSED: Change of use of existing bar / snooker hall to a gymnasium
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Victoria Buildings, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2770
P.A. NO.: 10/01152/B
APPLICANT: Mr. S. Gill
PROPOSED: Erection of a conservatory to front elevation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **13, Cloughbane Drive, Ramsey**

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT - APPENDIX I
SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – AUGUST , 2010

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>	<i>Appendix II</i>
09/01554/B R.T.C. 2649	Mr. & Mrs. A. Desmond	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling	Land adjacent to Okara, Crescent Road	Meeting held: 21/10/09 Objection	28/07/10 Application APPROVED 06/08/10 Request for APPEAL	1
09/01632/B R.T.C. 2658	Mr. D. Flint	Erection of a two storey extension and decked	Lightwood, Grove Mount	Meeting held: 21/10/09 No Objection	13/07/10 Application APPROVED 02/08/10 Request for APPEAL	
10/00385/B R.T.C. 2720	Mr. S. Parker	Erection of a conservatory shop front display area	Outdoors, Albert Street / Christian Street	Meeting held: 21/04/10 No Objection	20/07/10 Application REFUSED	2
10/00527/B R.T.C. 2731	Mrs. M. Lombard-Chibnall	Demolition of existing garages and erection of a replacement garage with storage/workshop at first floor and link extension to existing dwelling including removal of three trees	Poyll Shellee, Cloughbane Road	Meeting held: 19/05/10 Observation	28/07/10 Application APPROVED	3
10/00585/A R.T.C. 2737	Ramsey Rowing Club	Approval in principle for the erection of a two storey watersports centre and boat store	Site adjacent to Laureston, Mooragh Promenade	Meeting held: 19/05/10 No Objection	28/07/10 Application APPROVED	4
10/00602/R R.T.C. 2741	The Milntown Trust	Erection of signage (retrospective)	Stella Maris, Mountain Road	Meeting held: 19/05/10 No Objection/Comment	28/06/10 Application REFUSED 19/07/10 Request for APPEAL Appeal to be held 15/09/10	
10/00661/B R.T.C. 2743	Libran Developments Limited	Erection of two dwellings	Vacant plot between Parsonage Road and Summerland	Meeting held: 16/06/10 No Objection	12/07/10 Application REFUSED	5

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SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – AUGUST, 2010

No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
1	09/01554/B R.T.C. 2649	Mr. & Mrs. A. Desmond, Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling Land adjacent to Okara, Crescent Road	<p>The development hereby permitted shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice.</p> <p>This approval relates to the demolition of the existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling as proposed in the submitted documents and drawings all received on 21st September 2009 and 13th April 2010.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development) Order 2005 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order) no extensions, greenhouses, walls, gates, fences, garden sheds, summerhouses, flag poles, decking, garages, or tanks for the storage of oil for domestic heating shall be erected (other than those expressly authorised by this approval).</p> <p>Obscure glazing (Grade 5) shall be installed in the west elevation of the first floor landing window and shall be kept and maintained thereafter.</p> <p>Prior to any works on the proposed dwelling, there must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority detailed drawings, which show either a 1.8 metre high timber fence and/or a detailed landscaping scheme to reinforce the existing landscaping along the western boundary. Any trees or plants that within a period of five years from the completion of the development die, are removed, become seriously damaged or become diseased must be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and species. This condition is to prevent any potential overlooking resulting in a loss of privacy from the ground floor windows into the neighbouring garden (1 and 2 Lheaney Close).</p> <p>Prior to the occupation of the proposed dwelling, all works to the access arrangements and the hardstanding fronting to the dwelling shall be in place, to enable the required parking and turning provision in the interest of highway safety.</p> <p>In the interests of highway safety visibility splays of 2 x 36 metre visibility splays are required to be provided. Splays shall be kept clear of any object, vegetation, or other obstructions of a height exceeding 1.05m above the land of the adjacent carriageway.</p> <p>No development shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscaping works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and these works shall be carried out as approved. Details of the hard landscaping works include footpaths and hard surfacing materials. The hard landscaping works shall be completed in full accordance with the approved details prior to the first occupation of any of the proposed dwellings hereby permitted. All planting shall be carried out in accordance the approved details in the first planting and seeding seasons following that first occupation. Any trees or shrub which within 5 years from the completion of the development dies, is removed or becomes seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with another of similar size and species unless the planning authority gives written consent to any variation. Those trees shown to be retained pursuant to condition 8 above, shall be protected in accordance with details to be first submitted to the Planning Authority, prior to the commencement and during the course of construction.</p>

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No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
2	10/00385/B R.T.C. 2720	Mr. S. Parker, Erection of a conservatory shop front display area. Outdoors, Albert Street / Christian Street.	The proposed conservatory due to its size, projection, designs and prominent location within the street scene, would adversely affect the character and appearance of the existing property and neighbouring properties 1 - 5, Albert Road. Furthermore the proposal would adversely impact upon the visual appearance of the street scene all contrary to General Policy 2 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan. The proposed conservatory of this length, height and within very close proximity to the neighbouring property would give rise to an overbearing impact upon the outlook and loss of light of the occupants of No. 5, Albert Road, detrimental to their residential amenities and therefore would be an un-neighbourly development, contrary to General Policy 2 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan.
3	10/00527/B R.T.C. 2731	Mrs. M. Lombard-Chibnall, Demolition of existing garages and erection of a replacement garage with storage/workshop at first floor and link extension to existing dwelling including removal of three trees. Poyll Shellee, Cloughbane Road.	The development hereby permitted shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice. This approval relates to the demolition of existing garages and erection of a replacement garage with storage/workshop at first floor and link extension to existing dwelling including removal of three trees as proposed in the submitted documents and drawings, all received on 15th April 2010. The external finishes of the extension must match those of the existing building in all respects. The proposed garage/workshop/store may be used only in association with the main dwelling house "Poyll Shellee" and for purposes ancillary to the use of main dwelling house "Poyll Shellee" as a single dwelling and for no commercial purposes.
4	10/00585/A R.T.C. 2737	Ramsey Rowing Club, Approval in principle for the erection of a two storey watersports centre and boat store Site adjacent to Laureston, Mooragh Promenade	The application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Planning Authority before the expiration of two years from the date of this permission. Approval of the details of siting, design, external appearance of the building(s), internal layout, means of access, landscaping of the site (hereinafter called "the reserved matters") shall be obtained from the Planning Authority, in writing, before any development is commenced. The development hereby approved shall not be in use outside of the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m..
5	10/00661/B R.T.C. 2743	Libran Developments Limited, Vacant plot between Parsonage Road and Summerland. Erection of two dwellings.	The previously approved dwellings are sited in very prominent position within the street scene and their design was carefully considered taking particular note of the existing traditional and attractive properties along Summerland. It is considered the removal of the two approved chimneys would result in a loss of interest to the roof elevation, impacting upon the visual appearance of the approved dwellings, especially when viewed and travelling along Queens Pier Road and May Hill. This would lead to a substandard design, detrimental to the appearance of the area and appear incongruous to the neighbouring properties within Summerland.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
AUGUST, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Lezayre Housing Estate – Progress Report

Phase 3

Block 21 This block is now complete and has been handed over to the Commission.

Phase 4

Block 24 Superstructure masonry is complete, as is the roof covering and tiling works. Works to install the windows and patio doors is now complete. The first fix joinery works is complete and the second fix joinery and plumbing is ongoing. The internal render and skim works is complete the external rendering works is ongoing. Electrical second fix works are ongoing and the front door and frame installation is complete.

Blocks 25 and 26 Superstructure masonry is now to wallplate level and works to erect the roof trusses has been carried out with roof covering works presently ongoing.

Block 27 Roof covering works is ongoing, works in install the windows and patio doors is complete, first fix plumbing and electrical is complete and the first floor rendering is also complete. Internal skimming works has commenced.

Phase 5

All pile mats have been completed and the specialist piling works to all blocks has been completed. Foundations and ground beams are complete to Block 28 and ongoing to Blocks 29, 30 and 32.

Works to the main drainage and road formation is ongoing.

Generally, the Commissioners Works and Parks staff are carrying out landscaping works to Phase 2 areas at present.

Recommendation For information only.

Refurbishment of Properties, Brookhill and Seamount Road

Works are ongoing to the first phase of works for the refurbishment of Local Authority properties on Brookhill and Seamount Road by NK Joinery. This phase comprises 2 No properties, 15 and 16 Brookhill Road and the occupants have been relocated into transit accommodation whilst works are carried out.

Refurbishment of Properties, Brookhill and Seamount Road Continued

15 and 16 Brookhill Road

Lintel and sill replacement is now complete and all new windows have been installed. All kitchen walls have had the plaster removed and have been re-skimmed. The kitchen installation to No 16 is complete and No. 15 is nearing completion. Wall tiling is ongoing to the kitchens and bathrooms. Plumbing and electrical works are almost complete.

The front elevation of the roof has now been covered and the rear elevation is awaiting the delivery of the new slates. The front porch to No. 16 has been demolished and rebuilt and will be roofed once the external rendering is complete.

Recommendation For information only.

Cooil Road Development Order Inquiry

The Ramsey Town Commissioners have previously submitted a letter of Objection to this proposal stating that :- *Rezoning of land at Cooil Road, Braddan should not take place while there are other existing areas around the Island which are suitably zoned for the proposed purposes.*

Notification has now been received that the public enquiry into this matter will be held over 2 weeks commencing 5th October until possibly 14th October, 2010 with Mr David Bushby, an Independent Inspector hearing evidence for and against the Order and any other comments. At the conclusion of the report, the Independent inspector will write a report for the Minister for Infrastructure with a recommendation as to whether or not the Department should make the Order.

The two main draft issues are :-

- Whether there is sufficient justification for the Cooil Road Development Order to proceed in terms of economic need; development plan policy and preparation; alternative sites; environmental impact including matters such as noise, amenity, ecology, archaeology, landscape, drainage and highways
- If the CRDO does proceed, should it be amended to prevent development of retail uses and to protect the environment plus other detailed points.

Recommendation For information only

Control of Injurious Weeds

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture has advised that Public Notices will shortly be published advising land owners of their responsibilities under the Weeds Act (1957).

The Weeds Act 1957 protects agricultural land against incursion by injurious weeds. It is an offence punishable by a fine for any landowner or occupier of land to permit injurious weeds to remain uncut or not destroyed on or after 1st August, or any earlier date if the weeds are developing flowers.

The weeds covered by Order are Spear Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Creeping or Field Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Curled Dock (*Rumex crispus*), Broad-leaved Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*), Ragwort or Cushag (*Senecio jacobaea*), Wild Oats (*Avena fatua*) and Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*).

The Act also provides that, where spraying with a weed killer is intended, the landowner or occupier shall, before doing so, give at least 48 hours previous notice of such intention to the occupier of pasture land in the immediate vicinity.

As land owners the Commission are required to control these weeds have been requested to inspect the land in its ownership or tenure, particularly farmed land and land adjacent to farmed land and ensure that this Act is complied with.

Recommendation: to be noted and further report

P. S. Harrison, Chief Technical Officer

10th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER'S REPORT
ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
AUGUST 2010, - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Parking on Spaces for the Disabled

Mr. Terry Oscroft was fined £100 with £58.75 costs at the Magistrates Court held on 28th July 2010 for parking her vehicle on the spaces for the disabled at Station Road Car Park.

Louise Hitchen was fined £100 with £58.75 costs at the Magistrates Court held on 28th July 2010 for parking her vehicle on the spaces for the disabled at Station Road Car Park.

Littering

One person has been issued with a fixed penalty for littering this month.

Recommendation: to be noted

J. Donnelly
Administration Officer

10th August, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
AUGUST, 2010.**

**Lease of former Swimming Pool Premises to
Buffalo Bowling & Leisure**

(FGP/PL)

The Department of Infrastructure has approved the application from Ramsey Town Commissioners, under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985, to enter into a 25 year lease agreement with Buffalo Bowling and Leisure, in respect of the former swimming pool premises, Queen's Promenade, Ramsey.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Tram Crossing Walpole Drive

(WD)

The Director of Public Transport, Mr Ian Longworth, has responded to the Commission's comments in respect of the tram crossing at Walpole Drive.

Mr. Longworth states that this is an un-adopted road and the Department's opinion does not feel that it should be encouraging increased use by motor vehicles. He continues to explain that a resident in the area has campaigned for the crossing to be improved with hard surfacing which the Department we would only do in conjunction with the remainder of the road being adopted and this appears unlikely to happen. In the meantime, the Department would encourage the residents to make use of the Queen's Drive crossing which is a more appropriate place to cross the MER. The Department's ideal scenario would be to limit this crossing to pedestrians and remove vehicular access at this point. The poor sight lines of the junction would be difficult to overcome and the close proximity of other crossings relying on hearing a whistle to make a decision whether or not to cross the tramway at this point is in itself a dangerous scenario the Department would not wish to encourage.

The Town Clerk has responded to Mr. Longworth advising that this crossing has been used for many years – it is not a recent addition – and it was this established use which the Commission felt could justify the adoption of appropriate signage, Members felt that the risk was already there and is not diminished by the fact that the road is un-adopted or that an alternative preferred route was available. Unfortunately as the road over the crossing is not adopted there is no way of regulating traffic on it, and the crossing is certainly old enough to be established as a right of way.

Recommendation: For noting.

Public Correspondence – August, 2010, Continued:

Commemorative Flower Bed – Isle of Man Women’s Institute: (PL)

Mrs. L. Kneen, Chairman, Isle of Man Federation Women’s Institute has thanked the Board, Head Gardener and his staff for providing a flower bed in the Mooragh Park to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Women’s Institute on the Island.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Charitable Collections: (FGP)

The following organisations have, as required in terms of the Byelaws, reported on the results of recent permitted street collections taken in Ramsey as follows:-

Manx Mencap	£ 381.52
Manx Blind Welfare Society	£ 1,262.91
St. John Ambulance	£ 1,002.17
Ramsey Ladies Lifeboat Guild	£ 4,399.81 – Lifeboat Day Collection

Recommendation: To be noted.

Taubman Street – Parking (WD)

The Commission has received a copy of correspondence from the Department of Infrastructure sent to residents of Taubman Street in respect of the proposed alternative parking arrangements.

The Department has drawn attention to the following positive points to consider:

1. Currently there is an existing Traffic Order that allows parking on alternate sides of the street on alternate days of the week. The faded signs in the street quote 'Waiting limited to 1 hour in any 2 hours, 6 am - 8 pm, Sun, Tue, Thur & Sat only'. The corresponding sign on the other side of the street quotes the alternate days. The introduction of disc parking/double yellow lines would clarify the existing awkward (and unworkable) parking provision for the street.
2. Due to the narrowness of the street when vehicles are parked on both sides, any emergency vehicle would struggle to get through; a fire engine would not have enough room to pass. Restricting parking to one side of the street would enable rapid and unobstructed access for emergency vehicles attending any possible medical or fire emergency for the residents. This is the overriding need for introducing parking restrictions.
3. If parking is to be restricted to one side of the street, then the southern side enables the most spaces to be created ie. approximately eighteen.
4. If the parking on the street becomes part of the town's disc zone, this will allow residents (who are eligible for a residents parking permit) to be able to park their vehicle for any length of time in Taubman Street or any other street in Ramsey where there is existing disc parking.

Public Correspondence – August, 2010, Continued:

Taubman Street – Parking Continued:

5. Making the street part of the disc zone will limit non-residents to only be able to park for up to 2 hours. This will effectively reduce the number of non-residents using the street to conveniently park all day when visiting the town centre.
6. The proposed double yellow lines on the north side of the street would be there to prevent parking. However, as with all double yellow lines, short term loading and unloading for residents is allowed.

And to the following negative points to consider:

1. Restricting parking to one side of the street only will inevitably reduce the amount of vehicles able to park in the street (bearing in mind points 1 and 2 above).
2. If the street is clear of parked vehicles on one side, then the speed of through traffic may increase. However, this can be monitored and traffic calming introduced should it be needed.

The proposals primary concern is to address the potential danger to residents should an emergency vehicle be unable to gain access due to the street being over parked. All other considerations are secondary.

The views of residents in response to these comments have been sought by the Department.

Recommendation: to be noted

Centenary of Guiding – Flower Bed

(PL)

Mrs J Hughes has conveyed the thanks of the IOM Guide Association for the Commission's support in providing a commemorative bed for the Island Centenary of Girl Guiding.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Tender Processes

(FGP)

Local Authorities have been reminded of the practice of informing tenderers of the outcome of the tender process for capital schemes. It is confirmed that tenderers should be informed of the outcome of the tender process. This should be on the basis of purely an index, with the lowest tender indicated at 100 and all other tenders received listed against this index. No details of names or specific tender amounts should be given. The only indication would be to inform the particular tenderer where he figured on the list.

The Commission is in the practice of complying with this requirement.

Recommendation: to be noted

Public Correspondence – August, 2010, Continued:

Development – Poyll Dooley

The Commission is aware of the planning consent given in respect of PA03/00790/B - Residential estate development comprising of roads, plots, sewers, flood protection measures, drainage, public open space and layout for 26 semi detached dwellings, 69 terraced dwellings, 42 apartments and 38 self build plots, East of Gardeners Lane Between Greenlands Park and Poyll Dooley Nature Reserve, Off Gardeners Lane, Poyll Dooley.

Notification has now been received that the Planning Committee has determined that the implementation of the flood protection scheme and proposed flood defense as demonstrated in drawing numbers 2290_Bund_Planting and 2291/E/01 would satisfied Condition 4 of the aforementioned approval.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Sprinkler Systems – Public Sector Housing (HP)

The Department of Social Care has written to all authorities advising of its policy in respect of a proposal that sprinkler systems be installed to all new public sector housing.

The Department takes fire safety for public sector housing extremely seriously. The standard of fire safety in dwellings is determined by the Building Regulations, which apply to all homes on the Isle of Man, regardless of whether they are publicly or privately owned. Current regulations require sprinklers be fitted to all new build property in the following categories: residential homes, buildings containing flats, sheltered housing, multiple occupancy dwellings, hospitals, nursing homes and schools. New houses do not require sprinklers (other than some open plan dwellings). The Department, in partnership with the Island's Housing Authorities; is responsible for the delivery of the capital funded affordable housing programme which includes first-time buyer as well as public sector housing. It would be unacceptable to construct these new houses to two different fire safety standards; sprinklers for public sector housing but not for first time buyers. If sprinklers were installed for first time buyer dwellings then it would create an anomaly with all other private sector new housing (probably on the same estates); it would also increase the cost of first time buyer housing. The Isle of Man needs a unified and consistent fire safety standard for all new housing; this is the purpose of our Building Regulations.

The matter of sprinkler systems in domestic dwellings is currently under analysis by the Office of Building Control in the Department of Infrastructure, working closely with the Department of Social Care, the Department of Home Affairs and the Isle of Man Fire Service. This is an important matter where a range of issues must be resolved before any changes to Building Regulations can be made. These issues include maintenance arrangements, insurance requirements as well as the implications for house buyers, builders and the local construction industry.

Public Correspondence – August, 2010, Continued:

Sprinkler Systems – Public Sector Housing Continued:

The Department of Infrastructure hopes to publicly consult on this matter in 2011 with any subsequent changes being made in 2012 or thereafter. This would give adequate time for all stakeholders to be involved and then to prepare for any changes. It is important any change is made at a national level to ensure the standard of safety in new build property is consistent across all domestic dwellings.

Recommendation: to be noted

Advertising Hoardings

(WD)

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning Enforcement Officer has acknowledged receipt of the Commission's complaint regarding the erection of advertising hoardings at The Vollan. The complaint will be investigated and the Planning Enforcement Officer will advise further in due course.

Following a letter to the Trustees of the Milntown Trust, Members will note that the advertising hoardings at Stella Maris have been removed. The planning application for such is subject to an appeal which process will proceed as normal unless the appeal request is withdrawn.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Manx National Heritage -Service Delivery Plan 2010

(FGP)

Edmund Southworth, Director of Manx National Heritage has provided a copy of the MNH Service Plan for the current financial year which has been lodged in the public reference library. The Plan is structured to demonstrate how Manx National Heritage contributes to the Government's Strategic Policies and Aims. These include economic development, community cohesion, quality of life and the protection of the environment. In addition the Plan shows how MNH contribute to the wider Island community.

Mr Southworth advises that MNH are in the middle of a series of major projects to make available through digital means museum collections and the information held in archives. A new museum building will open in the Autumn and MNH will also make newspapers and photographs available online around the end of the year. Much of this is being achieved through partnerships within Government, organisations such as the Isle of Man Family History Society, the Friends of Manx National Heritage and through the generosity of many individuals. MNH is also making a significant contribution to the economy of the Island through tourism and regeneration.

Recommendation: to be noted

Public Correspondence – August, 2010, Continued:

Covenant on Land Swales Terrace:

(FGP)

Further to the Town Clerk's Report in June, 2010, arising because of a request made by Ms A. B. Foster that restrictive covenants with regard to the first-time buyers home at Swales Terrace, Ramsey, be released to enable her to let the property to her estranged husband, the Department of Infrastructure has confirmed, in a letter dated 9th August, 2010, that approval is given to the application of the Commissioners, under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985, to the removal of certain covenants with regard to the sale or letting of first time buyer properties at Swales Terrace.

Recommendation: To be noted.

11th August, 2010.