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Parliament Square,  
Ramsey,  
Isle of Man.

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16<sup>th</sup> April, 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, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010**, at 7.00 p.m.

## **BUSINESS**

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Messrs. K. A. Crowe and K. B. Mayne
- 2. Minutes for Adoption:** pages: 1 - 6
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  - Ramsey Choral Society / Manx Transport Museum
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- Refuse Collection Policy with attachment
- General Report
  - Lezayre Housing Estate - Progress Report
  - Proposed Development Order – Cooil Road, Braddan
  - Mooragh Park Drainage
  - Ramsey Service Reservoir Project
  - Adoption of Sewers, Enabling Works to former LHE
  - Building Control Act 1991 (as amended by Public Health (Amendment) Act 2000)

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- Unsightly Land and Buildings (WD)
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- Government Restructuring – former Dolge (FGP)
- Emergency Helicopter Landing Site – Coronation Park (PL)
- Departmental Response to Consultation on the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (FGP)
- Guides Celebration Camp (PL)
- Closure of Ramsey Swing Bridge (WD)
- Bus Network Review (WD)
- Electoral Register (FGP)
- Gladstone Way – Road Condition (WD)
- Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Meetings (FGP)
- Age Concern CHAT Bus (FGP)

**10. Notice of Motion :** page: 43

Notice of Motion dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, standing in the name of Mr. R. Radcliffe, T.C.,:

“A letter should be sent to the Minister for Health expressing the Commission’s grave concern regarding the possible reduction in, or ending of, the MED’s Out of Hours Service and the Commission’s total opposition to any such possibility.”

**11. Any other Business:**  
(By permission of Chairman)

**Town Clerk & Chief Executive**

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

Fellow Members,

**School Bulbs Competition:**

It was my pleasure to present the awards for the primary Schools Bulbs competitions at Scoill Ree Gorree, and I take the opportunity to reiterate my thanks to the pupils, teachers and parents for their support of this competition.

I also take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Mary Bruce for presenting the awards at Auldyn Infants School.

**Shennagys Jiu**

I was pleased to attend the opening function of the 13<sup>th</sup> Shennaghys Jiu festival which was enjoyed by many people again this year. I understand that the family concert held at Scoill Ree Gorree and the ceilidh and at the Masonic Hall, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 were both full houses which shows just how popular the event is within Ramsey.

**Ramsey Choral Society / Manx Transport Museum:**

I was also delighted to attend the Ramsey Choral Society's concert on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, and the official opening of the Manx Transport Museum on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**End of Year:**

I cannot express strongly enough how proud I was to have been elected as Chairman of Ramsey Town Commissioners in May 2009, or how much enjoyment I have had from representing the Commission during the past 12 months.

It would not be possible to list every event I have attended over the past year; needless to say I have been overwhelmed by the welcome extended to me at every occasion, and by the very strong sense of community spirit which exists within the Town.

There have been a number of highlights, in particular my attendance at the Tynwald Day ceremony, and last years visit of HMS Ramsey and her crew who return to the Island again this weekend to accept the honour of Freedom of Entry to the Town.

**Chairman's Report – April, 2010, Continued:**

I would like to thank all members of the Board for their support during the past 12 months and for their continued hard work in promoting the interests of Ramsey, and in particular Deputy Chairman Mrs. Mary Bruce for deputising for me when required. My thanks also go to all the staff in the employment of the Ramsey Town Commission, for their continued dedication and hard work.

Finally I wish my successor as Chairman, whoever may be elected, well for their term of office in the forthcoming year.

**Annual Meeting 2010:**

The annual meeting of the Ramsey Town Commission will take place at 7:00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

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15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
BUILDING CONTROL ACT – BLEAK HOUSE  
APRIL, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Madam Chairman and Members,

The matter of the failure of owners of the property Bleak House, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey, to comply with an Order issued under section 22 of the Building Control Act 1991 was considered by His Worship the High Bailiff, John Needham, on the 23rd March 2010.

The Commission's Advocates had submitted a Petition to the Court in three parts:-

- 1) To seek an Order that Pygott-White Ltd, the owner, had committed an offence under Section 22.2(b) in failing to comply with an Order within the time limit specified;
- 2) That another Order was made for work to be undertaken as the building is still dangerous; and
- 3) To obtain an order that the property could be demolished.

In Court Pygott-White Limited, which is a limited liability company with £2 shares issued which are held by Mr M. Morris and Ms J. Rushbrook, was represented by Mr M. Morris.

His Worship the High Bailiff made a number of comment in relation to application numbered 1 and 3 above. In the Summary Court and the High Bailiff's Court proceedings have to be issued within six months of an offence being committed, reference was made to a number of cases at the High Bailiff indicated that he did not feel that he could deal with this aspect as it was arguable that the case had been brought too late under the six month rule. The High Bailiff also indicated that in relation to the application for demolition, he did not think that he could amend the Order of the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 made by His Worship the High Bailiff, he did not think that he had power to do so or to make an Order for demolition under the terms of the Act, namely Section 22.1(a).

In respect of application 2, a request for a further Order, Mr. Morris indicated to the Court that no work had been undertaken and agreed that the building was dangerous, but argued that the danger had been obviated by putting up notices, and fencing. The High Bailiff did not agree that the putting up of notices or fencing met the requirement of the Act and made a further Order, a copy of which is appended hereto. In essence the new Order requires the property owners, Pygott-White Limited, by 15th August 2010, that is within 5 months so as not to preclude subsequent prosecution, 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

**Town Clerk's Report – Building Control Act – Bleak House,  
April, 2010 – Public Continued:**

- b. if the owner wishes to demolish the building or any dangerous part of it and remove any rubbish resulting from the demolition;

Within his judgement His Worship the High Bailiff made reference to a number of cases which he felt were significant in this matter, in particular the case of McVitie and Bolton and District Council which he indicated sets out the default powers of a Local Authority in relation to orders made, namely that the local authority could act in default as the statutory owner and make decisions which the owner could himself make, which might include a decision to undertake works or to demolish the building. The Commissions Advocates are reviewing the case law and will advise further.

It is apparent from the various correspondence received from Mr Morris that he believes that the Commission should undertake works to bring the property back into a condition suitable for occupation. It is also apparent from the history of the premises, and the various court cases previously reported, that there exists an impasse between Mr Morris, as freehold owner, albeit through Pygott-White Ltd, and the holder of the leasehold interest in the basement, bar and first floor premises which lease runs until 2104, and that there is little likelihood of any of those parties undertaking works unless agreement can be reached between them. In the light of such an invitation has been extended to all parties, including their legal representatives, to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to endeavour to broker a mutually agreeable way of proceeding in this matter, and to clarify to the owner and leaseholder what options exist for the Commission to act in default.

At the time of reporting a response had been received from Mr Morris and Ms Rushbrook who say that they look forward to taking part in obtaining a positive outcome at the meeting. They also state that they *“trust that the intervening month has been so allocated in order to provide RTC/ DoLGE with sufficient time to undertake some seriously pro- active thought and resolve towards the Restoration of Bleak House, and particularly the Funding thereof. Without reliable Funding and Funding - Recovery in place, we have serious doubts of the likely success of the meeting.”* This statement confirms that Mr Morris and Ms Rushbrook continue to see the local authority as a body which may or should become a party to full restoration of the property and as being responsible for either the funding or the arrangement of funding for the restoration of the property.

**Recommendation:** to be noted, and further report.

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PLEDGE TO CHILDREN IN CARE  
APRIL, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Madam Chairman and Members,

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, the Commission received a presentation from Mr. Dudley Butt, M.L.C., on the IOM Government Pledge to Children and Young People in Care.

Mr. Butt explained that the Chief Minister had signed a pledge to children and young people in care in July 2009. Mr Butt had been appointed as Champion for these children and young people and is looking to the Pledge being implemented across all of government and its partners, and to receive annual reports on progress from each department.

Copies of a leaflet explaining the pledge were provided to Members and can be accessed on the Government website at <http://www.gov.im/youth/childrenspledge.xml>

The pledge made by the Chief Minister on behalf of the Government Ministers and its partners sets out the ways government & its partners will support children in care to:-

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy & achieve
- Prosper
- Empower them to make a positive contribution

Its key principles being for government to work together across all departments and providers so that children and young people in care can more easily get the right support, and that all Departments and agencies will endeavour to provide support and care in ways to meet the needs of children and young people in care.

The Children's Champion position is located in the Chief Minister's Office, and its role is to:-

- Champion needs, wishes & feelings of children in care
- Provide leadership in promotion & implementation of Pledge
- Continually raise aspirations of children in care
- Ensure effective political scrutiny of implementation & monitoring of corporate parenting
- Ensure Pledge becomes driver and embedded in policy and service delivery
- Ensure cooperation, integration and developing partnerships & new opportunities for implementing the corporate parent function and delivering on the Pledge

The position is seen as strategic, not operational.

**Town Clerk's Report – Pledge to Children in Care  
April, 2010 – Public Continued:**

Mr. Butt explained that children come into the care of Government for many reasons – most through no fault of their own. Some stay in care for short periods and are then reunited with their families, some stay for the rest of their childhoods, and some for respite – short breaks. There are varying ages and different needs, some are very young and others are like other teenagers, trying to find their way in the world. Experience has shown that young people in care tend to have very poor outcomes, in particular educational outcomes are low, engagement in further education is minimal, health outcomes are lower, prosperity – economic independence is lower, and stability in family life is poorer. For these reasons young people in care need assistance to achieve their potential.

Mr. Butt outlined the Island's aim for our children as follows:-

*“Our aim for them is that despite their difficult and challenging circumstances they are able to overcome adversity and be all that they can be in life. If you are a parent think of your own children's start in life and what you wanted for them”.*

The Chief Minister is looking to the Pledge being implemented across all of government & its partners, and will be seeking an annual reports on progress from each department. Mr Butt advised that in order to successfully implement the Pledge and respond to the needs of young people we must

- listen to young people & assess on basis of need
- work cooperatively & in a coordinated way
- provide a planned, measured service response

Within Government each department has actions it can take to support young people in care and assist the government to meet its Pledge to young people. Mr Butt has suggested that departments or other bodies should

- Identify a key senior person to be responsible for working with us, liaison, coordination and reporting
- Identify key priority areas, with the Children's Champion, that are relevant to services, for example, opportunities for work experience or internships
- develop an Action Plan detailing what will be done and how it will be achieved
- Establish priorities, actions and timeframes over 1-3 years
- Provide Progress Reports to Chief Minister on the Action Plan annually [ Government Departments only]

An example of assistance which could be provided by local authorities was given as providing work experience placements to enable young people to include them within their CV, these could be either office based or manual worker.

**Town Clerk's Report – Pledge to Children in Care  
April, 2010 – Public Continued:**

Members will be aware that the Commission does provide school work experience placements and has also provided opportunity for persons required to serve community service hours to do so alongside the Commission's own workforce. The Commission may wish to request the Establishment Committee to consider further, with officers, opportunities for work experience placements within the Commission.

**Recommendation:** for discussion

*T. P. Whiteway*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
RACE RELATIONS ACT 2004  
CONSULTATION ON CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES  
APRIL, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Madam Chairman and Members,

The Race Relations Act 2004 (“the Act”) received Royal Assent on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2004, and was enacted in order to meet the requirements of the United Nations International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination. The purpose of the Act is to promote equal treatment in the provision of goods and services by requiring all Isle of Man Public Authorities, including for example Departments and Local 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.

Although the power to bring the Act into operation rests with the Council of Ministers, the sponsor of the Act, the power to make codes of practice under section 16 of the Act rests with the Department of Home Affairs. In this connection the Department is required to consult such persons and organisations as appear to it to be appropriate and to take account of any views submitted prior to the Code being laid before Tynwald and then made and issued, and it has issued a draft Public Sector Code for consultation a copy of which is enclosed for Members’ information. The consultation document has also been lodged in the public reference library and is available on the IOM Government website.

The Department has requested responses to the consultation by Friday 21st May, 2010, and it is proposed to be included on the Agenda for the May meeting of the Commission for consideration.

**Recommendation:** for inclusion on Agenda for May 2010 meeting.

*T. P. Whiteway*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
REVIEW OF BUSINESS TAXATION SYSTEM  
APRIL, 2010 – PUBLIC**

Madam Chairman and Members,

The Treasury has issued consultation documents in respect of a review of the Isle of Man's business taxation system.

Papers in respect of the consultation were circulated with the March Agenda and it was agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the April meeting for consideration; a copy is lodged in the public reference library and is available on the Government Website at

<http://www.gov.im/treasury/incometax/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=143>

The consultation period runs from 25<sup>th</sup> February to the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**Recommendation:** for discussion.

*T. P. Whiteway*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

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

Madam Chairman and Members,

- **Revenue Accounts:**

Payments totalling £900,708.26 were made in March, 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 March, 2010, totalling:- £ 532,878.88.

- **Quarterly Financial Return:**

Attached as Appendix 3 is the Quarterly Financial Return to the Department of Infrastructure.

- **Rates:**

We have received details of the First Supplemental Valuation List dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, from the Treasury Rating Section. This details changes to the Rateable Value of the Town as below:-

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Rateable</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Rateable</b>
Existing List			765,522	668,339
Valuations Added	10,573	8,456		
Valuations Cancelled	<u>6,662</u>	<u>5,330</u>		
	3,911	3,126	<u>3,911</u>	<u>3,126</u>
			769,433	671,465

The above RV of £671,465 includes Agricultural Hereditaments of £2,424 which do not pay a Town Rate, only being liable to water charge. Therefore the total for the Town of Ramsey at 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, is RV £669,041. This compares with a figure of £662,898 in April, 2009.

We have also received from Treasury a further payment on account of Town Rates in the sum of £166,000 which brings the total received to date to £1,963,220.00 for 2009-10.

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

15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

**FINANCE OFFICER REPORT**

**ACCOUNTS PAID TO  
31st March 2010**

Supplier	Total
2e2 (IOM) Ltd	£ 737.76
AB Photography Ltd	£ 411.25
Ace Hire & Sales Ltd	£ 279.18
ADT Fire & Security PLC	£ 317.25
Agora Business Publications LLP	£ 79.80
Albert Jagger Ltd	£ 68.46
Amberol Ltd	£ 603.95
Ashcrofts (1997) Ltd	£ 2,099.18
Auldyn Construction Ltd	£ 8,078.13
B. Cartmell Ltd	£ 71.02
Bertram Library Services	£ 1,739.12
Brew & Corkill Ltd	£ 2,290.31
C.T.C. Printers Ltd	£ 114.76
Cameron Hall	£ 1,531.13
Cemex Island Aggregates Ltd	£ 34.47
Chas E Richmond Ltd	£ 2,123.51
Clover Asphalte (IOM) Ltd	£ 8,146.18
Colleen Corlett	£ 1,090.00
Commercial Tyre Services	£ 3,719.59
Cornerstone Architects	£ 10.50
Cuplas Callow (IOM) Ltd	£ 3,306.45
Dalrymple Associates	£ 12,959.48
Dave Perry	£ 4,711.59
Dennis Barnfield Ltd	£ 473.30
Dickinson Cruickshank	£ 5,699.56
Douglas Corporation	£ 278.12
Eden Park Garden Centre	£ 1,866.41
Edmundson Electrical Ltd	£ 1,280.27
Farmers' Combine Ltd	£ 148.60
Feltons Ironmongers	£ 3,393.97
Foreman Roberts Ltd	£ 323.13
Freeport Freight Services Ltd	£ 67.25
G4S Security Services (Isle of Man) Ltd	£ 1,880.58
Garden World	£ 211.50
Go Marketing Ltd	£ 1,128.75
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd	£ 168.50
Holmes Grace	£ 12,537.45
HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Ltd	£ 1,151.50
HSS Hire Group Ltd	£ 11.42
ICR Retail Systems	£ 86.95
Island Fixings & Fittings Ltd	£ 241.40
Isle of Man Bank Ltd	£ 500,097.14
Isle of Man Farmers Ltd	£ 701.89
Isle of Man Government	£ 30,583.29
Isle of Man Library Services	£ 364.44
Isle of Man Newspapers Ltd	£ 639.20
JCK Ltd	£ 687.38
Jim Callow Plant Hire	£ 3,231.25
Lagan Construction (IOM) Ltd	£ 32,451.54
Mac's Builders Merchant	£ 1,507.83

**FINANCE OFFICER REPORT**

**ACCOUNTS PAID TO  
31st March 2010**

|MannVend Ltd

| £ 52.88 |

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

Manx Business Solutions Ltd	£	351.18
Manx Electricity	£	31,585.01
Manx Gas Ltd	£	60.00
Manx Telecom Ltd	£	1,282.54
McGarrigle & Jackson	£	17,734.23
Mr B Beattie	£	960.00
Mr K A Crowe	£	540.00
Mrs E Carlile	£	840.00
Mrs K Surridge	£	28.93
Mrs. E M Bruce	£	1,020.00
National Westminster Bank	£	10.00
Neopost Ltd	£	157.16
NLASPB	£	1,880.71
Ocean Ford	£	530.14
Otis Ltd	£	180.95
P & M Window Cleaners	£	510.52
Paul Wheeler Ltd	£	8,802.77
Pickwicks	£	47.00
PKF (Isle of Man) LLC	£	370.13
Quinn Legal	£	85.00
Ramsey Press	£	47.00
Ramsey Town Band	£	1,000.00
Ramsey Town Commissioners	£	274.74
Raymotors Ltd	£	2,467.84
Regal Shopfitters Ltd	£	223.25
Sadler Agricultural Supplies Ltd	£	197.22
Safety Management Services (iom) Ltd	£	152.75
Shennaghys Jiu	£	750.00
Sign & Design Ltd	£	1,146.21
Splinters D.I.Y. Store	£	94.34
St. Paul's Bookshop	£	358.16
Swales Electrical Ltd & Hoistline	£	4,014.98
T&GWU	£	264.53
The Post Office	£	1,224.00
The Works Ramsey Ltd	£	7,389.64
Tip Top Cleaners (2006) Ltd	£	3,438.25
Total (IOM) Ltd	£	6,047.01
Ulverscroft Large Print Books	£	723.56
W G Young	£	200.00
W.D.S. Ltd	£	1,439.98
Warwick Isle of Man	£	163.91
Whittaker Trading Ltd	£	4,341.60
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£	1,551.70
Wolseley UK Ltd	£	750.91
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>761,026.42</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31st MARCH, 2010
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Acc. No.	Payee	Description	Amount	Total
227	Cameron Hall	L.H.E. Further Fees		4,546.40
228	Transfer to General Revenue	L.H.E. Further Fees		143.29
229	K Surrige	L.H.E. Further Fees		192.91
230	Holmes Grace	Ballure Road Apartments		2,069.08
231	Cameron Hall	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4		4,202.92
232	Dalrymple Associates	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4		4,222.20
233	McGarrigle & Jackson	L.H.E. Phase 1	48,610.27	
		L.H.E. Phase 2	11,363.61	
		L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4	25,736.75	
		L.H.E. Phases 2 - 5 Fees	15,627.77	101,338.40
234		Auldyn Construction	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4	
235	Dalrymple Associates	L.H.E. Phases 3 - 4		4,222.20
TOTAL				£ 532,878.88

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

Madam 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: 2713  
P.A. NO.: 10/00142/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. S. Crowe  
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement windows to front elevation  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **2, Hespera Terrace, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2714  
P.A. NO.: 10/00275/B  
APPLICANT: Ms. Lesley Gregory  
PROPOSED: Refurbishment of existing garage and erection of two pairs of two lock-up garages  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land at Grays Gardens, rear of May Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2715  
P.A. NO.: 10/00299/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. C. Martin  
PROPOSED: Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **3, Coronation Court, Off Windsor Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2716  
P.A. NO.: 10/00320/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. Crutchley  
PROPOSED: Erection of a porch to front elevation of dwelling house  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Glen Hazel, Crescent Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2717  
P.A. NO.: 10/00332/B  
APPLICANT: Mrs. D. Taubman  
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement window to rear elevation  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Chibbyr Y Woirrey, Tower Road, Ramsey**

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

REF NO: 2718  
P.A. NO.: 10/00344/B  
APPLICANT: Mrs. A. Warburton  
PROPOSED: Erection of a conservatory to rear elevation of dwelling house  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **105, Greenlands Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2719  
P.A. NO.: 10/00355/B  
APPLICANT: Heritage Homes Limited  
PROPOSED: Erection of six dwellings (to replace four previously approved under P.A. 03/01846/B)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Plots 11 to 14 (including 11a & 13a), Auldyn Walk, Gardeners Lane, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2720  
P.A. NO.: 10/00385/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. S. Parker  
PROPOSED: Erection of a conservatory shop front display area  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Outdoors, Christian Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2721  
P.A. NO.: 10/00390/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. Sims  
PROPOSED: Replace existing porched entrance with canopy and window alterations to dwelling (amended plans received 08/04/10 – readvertised due to address correction)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **13, Brookfield Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2722  
P.A. NO.: 10/00392/B  
APPLICANT: DHSS Director of Estates  
PROPOSED: Erection of northern EMI care unit with associated parking and landscaping  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land on eastern side of Gardeners Lane and immediately north of former railway line, Poyll Dooley, Ramsey**

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

REF NO: 2723  
P.A. NO.: 10/00394/GB & 10/00395/CON  
APPLICANT: Mr. K. Starkey  
PROPOSED: Registered Building consent for the installation of replacement windows and front door and repair works to dwelling (in association with 10/00395/CON)  
NOTES: Registered Building  
SITE: **Ballure Cottage, Ballure Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2724  
P.A. NO.: 10/00401/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. M. Craig  
PROPOSED: Alterations, erection of an extension and widen driveway  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **New Hay, Grove Mount, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2725  
P.A. NO.: 10/00423/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. A. & L. Baker  
PROPOSED: Extension to existing detached garage  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Lyndock, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2726  
P.A. NO.: 10/00453/B  
APPLICANT: Michele Tramontana  
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement windows  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **2, Market Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2727  
P.A. NO.: 10/00445/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. G. Lloyd-West  
PROPOSED: Erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Sulby Cottage, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

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

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.L.G.E Correspondence</i>	<i>Appendix II</i>
09/00464/B R.T.C. 2576	Mercury Construction Co. Limited	Residential estate layout of roadway and seven plots	Land adjacent to Sherwood and Lhergy Vreck, Crescent Road	Meeting held: 15/04/09 Objection	13/11/09 Application APPROVED 24/11/09 Request for REVIEW 22/01/10 Appeal Hearing – 23/02/10 22/03/10 Application APPROVED	OO
09/01153/B R.T.C. 2614	Hartford Homes	Erection of a block of 12 garage units with landscaping and screening	The Pavillions, 1 – 3, Fairway Drive	Meeting held: 19/08/09 Objection	29/03/10 Application REFUSED	OO
09/01460/B R.T.C. 2641	Mr. J. Callow	Alterations and extension to dwelling	The Beeches, Lezayre Road	Meeting held: 21/10/09 Objection  Appeal requested by R.T.C. - 26/11/09	24/11/09 Application APPROVED 26/11/09 Request for APPEAL 22/01/10 Appeal Hearing – 25/02/10 22/03/10 Application APPROVED	OO
09/02079/D R.T.C. 2682	Hartford Homes	Erection of two advertising signs	The Pavillions, Fairway Drive	Meeting held: 20/01/10 Objection	22/03/10 Application APPROVED	OO
10/00131/C R.T.C. 2701	Alan R. Price	Change of use from swimming pool to leisure centre, with ten pin bowling, café/bar restaurant, soft play area, arcade style entertainment, members gym and function room	Former Swimming Pool	Meeting held: 17/02/10 Support	22/03/10 Application APPROVED	OO

09/02007/B R.T.C. 2677	Mr. G. Lloyd-West	Erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house	Sulby Cottage, Bowring Road	Meeting held: 20/01/10 Observation	23/02/10 Application REFUSED	1
09/02080/B R.T.C. 2683	Northville Estates Limited	Removal of five chimney stacks and rendering works	34, Parliament Street	Meeting held: 20/01/10 No Objection	23/02/10 Application REFUSED	2

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT - APPENDIX II**  
**SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 2010**

No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
	<p>09/00464/B  R.T.C. 2576</p>	<p>Mercury Construction Co. Limited Land adjacent to Sherwood and Lhergy Vreck, Crescent Road</p> <p>Residential estate layout of roadway and seven plots</p>	<p>Having considered the matters raised at the Inquiry and in the written submissions, I have concluded that the main issue in this appeal is whether the proposed development would constitute an over-development of the site and thereby cause significant harm to the character of the area.</p> <p>Strategic Policy 1 makes it very clear that where housing development takes place within appropriate locations, the best possible use should be made of the land in order to utilise existing infrastructure. This site is within a residential part of Ramsey and where other developments have been permitted at similar or higher densities. Whilst I acknowledge that the proposed plots may be smaller than many existing dwellings, unless housing land is properly utilised, demand for additional residential development would not be able to be satisfied within towns and villages without expansion into countryside locations. Given the other permissions in the area and the location of the site, I support the proposed development.</p> <p>The existing vehicular access is to be increased in size and the D.o.T. is satisfied that service vehicles would be able to enter and leave the site in forward gear. I note the comments of the appellants relating to drainage of the site, but from the evidence given at the Inquiry, the applications have not yet finalised such a scheme. However, from the information given, I am satisfied that the site can be properly drained. But, I do accept the suggestion made at the Inquiry that proposed Condition 5 should include reference to submission of drainage details.</p> <p>Evidence was given by local residents living opposite the site in respect of possible nuisance from headlights. Whilst I do understand such concerns, I do not consider they are of sufficient weight to warrant refusal of the scheme or an amendment to the proposed access. It would be possible for the objectors to plant shrubs and trees in order to mitigate any perceived nuisance. As far as wildlife and trees are concerned, I am satisfied that the conditions proposed by the Planning Directorate would protect and enhance the wildlife and vegetation of the appeal site.</p> <p>I have taken into account all other matters raised at the Inquiry and in the statements, but none was sufficient to outweigh the conclusions that led to my recommendation.</p>

	09/01460/B R.T.C. 2641	Mr. J. Callow, The Beeches, Lezayre Road  Alterations and extension to dwelling	<p>Having considered the matters raised at the Inquiry and in the written submissions, I have concluded that the main issue in this appeal is whether the proposed development would result in an overdevelopment of the land to the significant detriment of the character and appearance of the site and locality.</p> <p>At my site visit, I did note that the appeal property is restricted in area and that there are only limited locations for parking and private amenity space. However, the proposed extension would be in a location where it is least likely to affect the ability to park on the site or reduce private amenity space. Although the rear garden is limited, it does have a maximum depth of 11 metres and provides a reasonable external amenity area.</p> <p>Similarly, the remaining front area is able to provide clear space for access and parking. I acknowledge that a vehicle gaining access to the rear garage would be very close to the new pergola, but I am satisfied that with careful driving, it would be possible to gain access to the garage. In all of these circumstances, I am of the opinion that the proposed development would not amount to an overdevelopment of the site of cause significant detriment to the character and appearance of the site or locality. Whilst I have concluded that the current proposal would be acceptable, I do agree with the appellants that it is doubtful if any further extensions would be appropriate for this site without causing the appearance of an overdevelopment of the land. I have taken into account all other matters raised at the Inquiry and in the statements, but non was sufficient to outweigh the conclusions that led to my recommendation.</p>
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT  
REFUSE COLLECTION POLICY  
APRIL, 2010 - PRIVATE**

Madam Chairman and Members,

As part of the overall review of the refuse collection system within the Town, some minor amendments have been made to the existing Refuse Collection Policy which is attached hereto.

Such minor amendments include definitions for kerbside collection and clarification in respect of bins not presented at the correct time for collection.

The Board have instructed that this Policy be presented in full at the April Board Meeting in order that members of the public will be aware of this Commission's refuse collection policy.

The Refuse Collection Policy will be available to download from the Commissioners website ([www.ramsey.gov.im](http://www.ramsey.gov.im)).

Any additional amendments to this Policy will be required to be approved by the full Board and such amendments will be presented in public at the relevant time.

**Recommendation: To confirm adoption of the new Refuse Collection Policy.**

P. S. Harrison,  
Chief Technical Officer

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

## **WASTE COLLECTION IN RAMSEY**

Ramsey has a population of approximately 7,500 and produces, on average, 4,200 tonnes of waste each year. The Commissioners provide a weekly kerbside refuse collection to all domestic and commercial properties, and provide additional commercial collections on request.

The domestic refuse collection service is provided free of charge, these costs are included in rates paid by property owners. Commercial waste collection is undertaken with a collection charge, based on the number and size of bins collected, in addition the Commission invoice for the disposal cost in accordance with IOM Governments “user pays” policy.

All refuse deposited in household and commercial bins is collected by the Commissioners refuse collection crews and is ultimately deposited at the Energy from Waste facility, therefore only waste which is suitable for incineration should be deposited in the bins.

### **Refuse Collections**

#### ***Household Collections***

All domestic property in the Town is provided with one 240L wheeled refuse bin, free of charge, by the Commission. Where a bin becomes unusable due to age or wear and tear, then it will be replaced by the Commission free of charge.

In cases where the householder has damaged the bin, such as by depositing hot ashes, by other misuse or the bin has been lost, then the replacement will be charged for. Damaged bins will not be collected if they pose a threat to the health and safety of the operatives or are unsuitable to be handled by the bin lifters on the refuse vehicle.

The collection service does not cover removal of building materials, bulky items such as furniture, hazardous waste, scrap metals, oils, soil or large amounts of garden waste. Recycling facilities are available for aluminium cans, newspapers, glass, green waste, clothing, and household batteries. Householders are encouraged to use those facilities to assist in reducing environmental damage and to reduce refuse disposal costs.

If the bin is too heavy it will not be emptied. A heavy bin is a health and safety risk to the collection operatives and it could damage the collection vehicles. Please do not overload your bin.

All domestic properties in the Town receive a weekly kerbside refuse collection service. Wheeled bins will be collected from the kerbside from 6.00 a.m. onwards on a specified day. Unless an assisted collection has been approved, wheeled refuse bins should be placed where the public highway begins and private land ends which is the edge of your curtilage. In the majority of cases, this will be where gates or drives meet the pavement and householders must ensure that an obstruction is avoided when placing their bins for collection. The collection point for properties with long drives will be at the point their drive meets the highway. Our refuse operatives will not enter onto private land unless a specific request has been approved for a special needs / assisted collection. Elderly and disabled householders may request assisted collections (forms can be obtained from the Technical Department).

Where assisted collections are agreed then the refuse bin will be collected from and returned to its normal position by the refuse collectors, providing that safe access is available.

Only one standard size (240 litre) bin will be collected per household, except for households of 6 or more where a larger bin can be requested. Smaller 120L bins are available on request for single persons or smaller families or properties, where the standard bin size is not appropriate. Materials left outside the bin will not be collected.

The refuse collection crew is instructed to return the bin to the point it was collected from or if necessary to a more appropriate position. The crew is instructed not to obstruct driveways when returning bins. After the bin has been emptied the householder is responsible for returning it to their own property as soon as possible (except for assisted collections), bins are not to be left in places where they may obstruct pedestrians or vehicle accesses (i.e. on pavements, footpaths or blocking lanes).

Our refuse crew make a note of properties where the refuse bin has not been presented for collection. We will not return for any bin that was not presented for collection at the correct time. In these cases, residents will have to make their own arrangements to have the bin emptied or wait until the next scheduled collection. Bins are occasionally genuinely missed and these will be rectified on the next working day following being reported or as soon as possible by arrangement with the resident.

Wheeled bin collections are not normally made on weekends or on certain Bank Holidays. If a collection is not made on a Bank Holiday, it will normally be undertaken on the next working day, in any event changes to services during this time will be advertised in the local press and details may be obtained from the Town Hall and on our website ([www.ramsey.gov.im](http://www.ramsey.gov.im)).

The refuse crew will only empty wheeled refuse bins supplied by Ramsey Town Commissioners. If residents are moving home, they should leave the wheeled refuse bin for the new occupant of the property. Although the refuse bins remain the property of Ramsey Town Commissioners, they are allocated to individual properties.

### *Commercial Collections*

The Commission provides commercial collections to meet the needs of traders. A service charge is made for each collection and traders will also be invoiced for the disposal charge based on the weight of waste collected. All commercial refuse bins are electronically chipped and weighed using the PM Onboard weighing system. Invoices will be issued at least quarterly, however where the charge in any month exceeds £50.00, monthly invoices will be issued.

The Commission will provide a basic bin the capacity of which will be determined by the rateable value of the premises to which it is allocated. Larger capacity and/or additional bins can be supplied for which an additional charge is made. If the basic bin becomes unusable through wear and tear a replacement will be provided by the Commission. Where larger or additional bins are supplied then the replacement is the responsibility of the property owner.

Where private collection services are provided by other parties, either for refuse or for recyclable materials such as bottles, the property owner should make arrangements with the service provider to provide a refuse bin.

Damaged bins will not be collected if the condition is such that the bin may pose a threat to the health and safety of the operatives or is unsuitable to be handled by the bin lifters on the refuse vehicle.

If the bin is too heavy it will not be emptied. A heavy bin is a health and safety risk to the collection operatives and it could damage the collection vehicles. Please do not overload your bin. Materials left outside the bin will not be collected – if additional collections are required these may be requested through the Town Hall, a charge will be made for additional collections.

The Commission is able to supply and fit gravity locks for use on non-roll top wheeled bins. These are fitted with individual locks preventing unauthorised use of a bin. The gravity lock system allows the bin to be emptied when the bin is discharged into the refuse collection vehicle without a key, the bin locks automatically once emptied. Further details of the cost can be obtained from the Technical Services Department.

### *Spot Checks*

In order to ensure that only waste suitable for depositing at the Energy from Waste facility is being disposed of by means of the refuse collection service, spot checks will be carried out as necessary. Should inappropriate items be found within the refuse bin, the bin will remain unemptied until such inappropriate items have been removed.

### *Recycling*

The Department of Local Government and the Environment operates a Civic Amenity Site which is presently located at the Point of Ayre. This site is intended to operate until a new permanent site can be established in the north of the island. Facilities are available for the depositing of bulky household items and the separation of metals, aluminium cans, glass, paper, oil, green waste, and white goods all of which can be recycled.

In addition, a bring site for recyclable glass, paper, aluminium cans and clothing is also available at the Station Road car park.

When using these facilities please avoid placing any materials other than those intended in the collection facilities – recycling is most effective when the material collected is not contaminated as this may necessitate additional processing or even prevent the material from being recycled.

Following the Christmas period the Commission operates a Christmas tree recycling scheme where real trees can be deposited for shredding – they are then used as mulch or compost on the Towns parks and public spaces. This service is provided free of charge and details of the times for deposit of trees will be advertised annually.

During the gardening season please remember that putting green waste in your wheeled bin can damage the environment. Green waste from gardens is ideal for composting together with vegetable and fruit peelings. If you do not wish to maintain a compost heap then green waste from gardens can be deposited at the Civic Amenity Site.

Some charities offer a free collection service for furniture and other items that are reusable, before disposing of items please consider whether they may be able to be reused and contact charities such as Hospice, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

### *Fly tipping*

Depositing material in public places is unnecessary and illegal and the Commission will investigate and prosecute offenders. Fixed penalty notices for fly tipping are issued in the sum of £50 for each offence, in the event that prosecution is taken the maximum fine which can be imposed by the courts is £2,500. If you witness an act of fly tipping or notice areas where materials have been left, please contact the Commissioners on 810100.

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

Madam Chairman and Members,

**Lezayre Housing Estate – Progress Report**

**Phase 3**

**Block 20** Internal works to the Type B houses are almost complete with only the floor coverings to be carried out and internal works to the Type E houses is progressing well. Externally, the rear fencing is almost complete and the paved and car park areas are complete to the front of the block.

**Block 21** Roofworks are almost complete, first fix joinery is ongoing and works are progressing to install the windows and external patio doors.

**Block 22** Roof works are now complete, external rendering is being progressed and window installation is ongoing. Joinery first fix is ongoing to the Type C properties.

**Block 23** Roof works are now complete, external rendering is ongoing and internal rendering is ongoing to the Type C properties, second fix services are ongoing to the Type D properties.

**Phase 4**

**Block 24** Superstructure masonry works are now at first floor level and progressing to wallplate level.

**Block 25** Superstructure masonry works are now progressing to first floor level.

**Block 26** Superstructure masonry works are now progressing to first floor level.

**Block 27** Superstructure masonry works are now almost complete to first floor level with only the internal walls to complete.

**Recommendation For information only**

**Proposed Development Order – Cooil Road, Braddan**

Further to the reports presented to the Board from Quinn Legal and from Kaz Ryzner Associates representing Tesdale Limited who are majority owners of the land in question, I can report that the Commissioners views were forwarded to the Department of Local Government and the Environment.

The Commissioners views were as follows:-

*Rezoning of agricultural land at Cooil Road, Braddan should not take place whilst there are other existing areas around the Island which are suitably zoned for the proposed purposes.*

In response, Ms Emily Curphey, Planning Policy Officer for the Department of Local Government and the Environment has thanked the Board for their comments on this matter. These comments will be analysed along with all others received before a report is put to the Department. The Department will then decide on how best to proceed.

**Recommendation: For information only at this time**

**Mooragh Park Drainage**

I can advise that works in respect of this contract were completed on this project by mid March, 2010 which was over 3 weeks ahead of the programme with Lagan Construction (I.o.M.) Limited being the Principal Contractor and Holmes Grace Consulting Engineers Limited carrying out the supervision and inspections on site.

The Principal Contractor carried out their works in an efficient and professional and liaised closely with the Park users and the Commissioners own Parks staff to ensure that the smooth running of the Park was maintained during the contract.

All works within the Contract have been inspected and tested by Holmes Grace Consulting Engineers and all works have been found to be satisfactory.

**Recommendation: For information only**

**Ramsey Service Reservoir Project**

I am in receipt of a letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 from Mr E. Whitelegg on behalf of the I. O. M. Water Authority thanking Commissioners who attended the recent Public Meeting regarding the proposed new Service reservoir at Crossags Hill, Glen Auldyn as previously reported by The Town Clerk and Chief Executive. Extensive feedback has been received by the IOM Water Authority during the consultation process and residents have had several opportunities to meet and discuss any concerns in respect of this project.

All residents in the vicinity of Glen Auldyn have been written to summarising the issues raised at the two Public Consultation meetings and also the content of the planning application.

The IOM Water Authority will be submitting their planning application in early April.

**Recommendation: For information only**

**Adoption of Sewers, Enabling Works to former Lezayre Housing Estate**

I can report that the Department of Transport Drainage Division have submitted a declaration of Adoption of Sewers for the Enabling Works section of Lezayre Estate redevelopment project.

The surface water sewers include Dreeym Ollay, Gladstone Way and Poyll Dooley Road to the discharge to the Sulby River. The foul sewers include Gladstone Way and Poyll Dooley Road to the connection with Riverside Pumping Station.

**Recommendation: For information only**

**Building Control Act 1991  
(as amended by Public Health (Amendment) Act 2000)**

The Department of Local Government and the Environment has been notified of intentions to demolish the property, Cronk Ghennie, Bowring Road, Ramsey and outbuildings. The applicant is Building Construction Partnership Ltd

**Recommendation: For information only**

P. S. Harrison, Chief Technical Officer

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER'S REPORT  
GENERAL & AMENITY BYELAWS  
APRIL 2010 - PUBLIC**

Madam Chairman and Members,

The Town District of Ramsey General Byelaws expire on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and the Town District of Ramsey Amenity Byelaws 1998 expire on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It has been suggested that this may be an opportune moment to amalgamate any new general byelaws with amenity byelaws. The current Amenity Byelaws would need to be repealed. If amalgamation is proposed then it would be prudent to check the legality of such action within the enabling legislation prior to the drawing up of any draft proposals. Generally byelaws are kept within sets, subject to the enabling legislation which allows the byelaws to be made for specific things for example: Amusement Premises, Pleasure Grounds, Markets, and Streets etc.

A byelaw is a local law which is made by a statutory body, such as a local authority, under an enabling power established by an Act of Tynwald, however if there is general legislation to cover the subject causing concern, byelaws are not generally considered suitable. Since byelaws create criminal offences, they cannot come into effect unless they have been agreed by the Department of Infrastructure and approved by Tynwald.

The present Amenity Byelaws cover open spaces and recreation areas such as parks and beaches whilst General Byelaws were initially designed to provide for offences in shops and public streets. A number of byelaws in the General Byelaws could be applied to amenity areas and vice versa for example:- bill posting, skating or use of motor vehicles off public highways..

The first stage in proposing the making of byelaws is public consultation. This would require advertising in the local press and by poster to alert the public.

It is proposed that comment be invited upon the existing byelaws, as to whether they are pertinent to the present times and to ascertain if any new byelaws may be appropriate for a particular problem within the scope of new "General & Amenity Byelaws". The public could view copies of the current, but separate, Town and Amenity Byelaws in the Town Library and on the Website, seek advice, and make suggestions for consideration.

**Recommendation:-** an initial period of consultation on the relevance of existing byelaws and suggestions for new byelaw provisions be undertaken over a period of 6 weeks in accordance with the IOM Government Policy on Consultation.

John Donnelly  
Administration Officer

06 April 2010

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

**Unightly Land and Buildings**

**(FGP/WD)**

Following discussion at the February Board the Town Clerk wrote to the Department of Local Government and the Environment seeking the Department's consideration to the amendment of statute to create a first charge against property where local authorities undertook works in default of property owners.

A response has been received advising that the matter will be presented to the new Department of Infrastructure for consideration following its creation on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

The Town Clerk also requested details of any charges proposed to be introduced for the service of Environmental Health Inspectorate and has been advised that the Commissioners will be consulted as a matter of course if and when any such proposals are taken forward.

**Recommendation:** to be noted

**Uniform Criteria for Housing – Income:**

**(FGP/HP)**

When Council of Ministers agreed changes to the Uniform Criteria in early 2005, it was also agreed that in the interest of 'fairness', the income limits for Financial Qualification for public sector would be adjusted by the average wage increase each year as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 06.

The Department of Local Government and the Environment has advised of the results of Treasury's annual Earnings Survey 2009 has found that average earnings of full-time employees have increased by 0.5% comparing June 2008 and June 2009 pay, therefore the income qualification (from Apr 2010) has been adjusted as follows. For ease of administration it has been rounded up to the nearest £5.

	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>
Basic	£32,285	£32,450
1 child	£2,710	£2,725
2 children	£5,415	£5,445
3 or more	£8,120	£8,160
Maximum allowable (basic + 3 or more children)	£40,405	£40,610

In addition to the maximum permissible income the uniform criteria awards points in respect of lower income families. The point allocation has again been reviewed by Council of Ministers and a revised table of points for low income has been notified and brought into immediate effect.

**Public Correspondence – April, 2010, Continued:**

**Uniform Criteria for Housing – Income Continued:**

**(FGP/HP)**

The revised table is detailed below:-

<b>Gross Income per annum (including combined income of joint applicants)</b>	<b>Point allocation</b>
£25,000 & above	0 points
£22,000 -£24,999	1 point
£19,000 -£21,999	2 points
£16,000 -£18,999	3 points
£13,000 -£15,999	4 points
£12,999 and under	5 points

**Recommendation:** to be noted

**Government Re-structuring – former DoLGE:**

**(FGP)**

From 1st April, 2010, the functions previously undertaken by the Department of Local Government and the Environment has transferred to three new Departments:-

Department of Infrastructure  
Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture  
Department of Social Care

Below is a list of the functions and their new Departments, in the majority of cases the address and telephone numbers will remain the same – Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2SF.

<b>Department of Infrastructure</b>	Planning and Building Control (which includes Conservation)
	Estates and Architects (including housing maintenance)
	Waste Management Unit
	Local Government Unit (including Petition applications and processing)
	Health & Safety
Chief Executive – Ian Thompson – Sea Terminal Buildings, Douglas	

<b>Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture</b>	All Environmental Health
	Environmental Public Health/Food Safety
	Environmental Protection Unit
	Director of Environment (Martin Hall)
Chief Executive – Ken Kinrade – DEFA St Johns (Tel no. TBA)	

**Public Correspondence – April, 2010, Continued:**

**Government Re-structuring – former DoLGE Continued:**

**(FGP)**

<b>Department of Social Care</b>	Local Authority Housing (including housing deficiency)
	First Time Buyers
	Home Grant Assistance
Chief Executive – Chris Corlett – Hillary House, Prospect Hill, Douglas	

Swimming Pool Boards are now vested in the Department of Community, Culture & Leisure.

For the foreseeable future the majority of staff and functions will still be located in Murray House.

**Recommendation:** to be noted.

**Emergency Helicopter Landing Site – Coronation Park:**

**(PL)**

Permission has been granted to the Department of Economic Development, Tourism Division, to use in cases of emergency the Coronation Park to land the rescue helicopter during the TT and MGP Practices and Races, between 29<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

**Recommendation:** To be noted.

**Departmental Response to the consultation on the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill:**

**(FGP)**

The Legislation Manager at the Department of Home Affairs has written to all local authorities to advise of the outcome and response to the consultation document on the above Bill.

The Department received a significant number of responses and has given careful consideration to the points raised. A document explaining the process followed in respect of the consultation which includes a summary of views submitted and the Department's response in respect of each clause, has been provided and has been lodged in the public reference library.

The Department concluded it would be appropriate to withdraw the following clauses from the Bill:-

- clause 33 (licensing requirement for late night food outlets),
- clause 53 (conditional cautions),
- clauses 58 and 59 (rank of officer entitled to authorise intimate searches) and
- clause 72 (hate crime).

**Departmental Response to the consultation on the Criminal Justice (FGP)  
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill Continued:**

The Department determined to introduce a new clause into the Bill to raise the penalty for child cruelty from two years to ten years custody and to add to clause 78 (registration of sex offenders) provisions to make the offence of breaching sex offender notification requirements also triable on information.

The Department will now send further instructions to the Attorney General's Chambers for clauses to be refined as indicated in the summary document and the Bill finalised ready for submission to the Council of Ministers for authority to introduce into the House of Keys before the summer recess.

**Recommendation:** to be noted

**Guides Celebration Camp (PL)**

In a letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Diane Haigh has written on behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballaugh Guides Celebration camp to be held at Crossags 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August. Guides will be attending from the UK, New Zealand and Canada. 6-8 flag bases with poles are requested for use at the camp.

**Recommendation:** To provide the bases and poles at no cost for this event.

**Closure of Ramsey Swing Bridge: (WD)**

Capt. Peter Best, Port Manager, Isle of Man Harbours, has advised that it will be necessary to close Ramsey Swing Bridge for essential maintenance on the following dates:

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June

The Department is in the process of replacing the steelwork holding the rollers on which the bridge rotates and it will be necessary that the bridge is swung to differing angles to gain access to the various sections. If the works are completed earlier than envisaged the bridge will be re-opened to traffic and pedestrians earlier.

**Recommendation:** To be noted.

## Public Correspondence – April, 2010, Continued:

### Bus Network Review:

(WD)

Mr. Ian Longworth, Director of Public Transport has responded to the Commission's submission in respect of the bus network review. Mr. Longworth advises that the comments will be carefully considered in detail but has taken the opportunity to provide some initial feedback on the points raised, as follows:-

- Although the consultation document does not make it clear surveys were undertaken of both bus and car users in addition to the extrapolation of the electronic ticket machine information. Within the survey forms used the respondents were free to record details of both specific journeys made at the time of the survey as well as other journeys of desire.
- The Department is aware of the representations for Friday and Saturday evening buses to Jurby which do not feature in the bus review. Until now there has been no apparent option of economically providing such a facility in the evenings where it stood any chance of succeeding. The Department has explored previously options of additional funding to provide such a service but resources are currently not available.

The bus review has received many positive comments and in particular the additional late night buses on Friday and Saturday evenings. There is still some time to go to complete the process of the review and a number of obstacles for this proposal to pass before it can be achieved. These include the charging of premium fares on late night buses after 2250 hrs. Subject to achieving this the department may well be able to propose a journey from Ramsey to Peel and Douglas, Service 5, which could be diverted late in the evening to serve Jurby before regaining the normal route at Sulby. Mr Longworth will keep the Commission advised of progress on this possibility.

- The Department has looked into the particular issue of a connection from the North of the town to the 0910 departure on the service 3 and subject to taking a balance of other comments it is possible that it will be able to accommodate this change.

A response to the consultation submissions will be issued by the Department in due course.

**Recommendation:** to be noted.

**Electoral Register:**

**(FGP)**

The Commission has received copies of the latest electoral registers for North and South Ramsey.

The Registration Officer has advised that Treasury have been operating a system of "rolling registration" since 2007. This means that a person may apply to be included in the electoral register at any time and would have to wait a maximum of three months to be so included. Whilst this compares favourably with the previous "annual canvass" system, under which an application could only be made during the canvass period and the potential waiting time before appearing in the register could be up to 12 months, it has given rise to some confusion when people are checking whether or not they are registered.

Recent feedback has indicated that such confusion is largely the result of the provision of quarterly updates to the registers that are produced on 1st October each year, in particular when the October register is supplemented by more than one such update. In order to ameliorate the current situation, it has been decided to issue registers /updates as follows:-

- 1st October — production of fresh registers, consecutively numbered within each electoral area
- 1st January — lists of revisions to the October registers
- 1st April — fully consolidated registers which will include all revisions since 1st October
- 1st July — lists of revisions since 1st April

This will ensure that there will only ever be at most one list of revisions in operation at any one time. The Registration Officer hopes this will lead to an improvement but would be happy to consider any concerns or suggestions for further improvement in respect of the registers.

**Recommendation:** to be noted.

**Gladstone Way - Road Condition:**

**(WD)**

The Commission has received comments regarding the condition of the road surface on the section of Gladstone Way running along the length of Gladstone Park industrial estate. The road, which serves the housing estate, industrial estate and as an access to the new schools, has deteriorated in recent years.

The Town Clerk has raised the matter with the former Department of Transport which has responded advising that the Department is aware of the condition of the road surface and that it is scheduled for repairs and overlay later on this year. The Department has undertaken to contact the Town Clerk again before work commences.

**Recommendation:** to be noted.

## Public Correspondence – April, 2010, Continued:

### **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team – Level 1 meetings: (FGP)**

Inspector Flint has advised of the dates for future meetings of the NNPT Level 1 meetings, which will take place at Ramsey Town Hall. The dates are as follows:-

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June (Provisionally booked but to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The meetings are attended by representatives of the northern local authorities and other organisations, who discuss low level crime and community policing issues to identify and implement workable solutions.

**Recommendation:** to be noted

### **Age Concern CHAT Bus**

**(FGP)**

The Chairman and Town Clerk have been invited to represent the Commission in attending the launch of the Age Concern CHAT bus on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The CHAT Bus (Community, Health, Advice and Training) will be used to connect communities across the Island, has full heating and air-conditioning, disabled access, LED lighting, tinted windows, a lounge area, kitchenette and a private meeting room/IT-suite capable of accommodating six users. There is also a seven-metre remote electric external awning and outside seating. The bus will be located around the Island and available for residents, young and old, to visit and to use the services it provides, or merely just to meet and communicate with other residents.

Age Concern Isle of Man has procured the bus with funding and support from local organisations and individuals, and its running costs will form part of Age Concerns annual budget, although opportunities for sponsorship or private hire are available.

The Town Clerk has met Mr Peter West, the driver and operator of the CHAT bus, and discussed potential locations within the Town for visits including Station Road Car Park and the Market Square, consideration is also being given for an introductory visit to local schools. Age Concern will advise of the schedule of visits to Ramsey, expected to be once a fortnight, in due course.

**Recommendation:** to be noted

16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF MOTION  
APRIL, 2010.**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following notice of Motion, dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, is submitted in the name of Mr. R. Radcliffe, T.C.,:

“A letter should be sent to the Minister for Health expressing the Commission’s grave concern regarding the possible reduction in, or ending of, the MED’s Out of Hours Service and the Commission’s total opposition to any such possibility.”

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides that every motion relating to any new subject or matter not already before the Board, other than a motion which under Standing Order 15 may be moved without notice, shall be given in writing at the ordinary meeting preceding the one at which it is intended to bring it forward.

This Standing Order is subject to the proviso that the Chairman may, if conducive to the despatch of business, allow the motion to be dealt with at the meeting at which it is brought forward.

Accordingly this matter is included in the April, 2010, Agenda for discussion.

16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.