

YOUR COMMISSIONERS

Following the Local Authority Elections which were held in April 2008, the Ramsey Town Commission has now the following membership:-

Chairman of the Ramsey Town Commissioners: Mr B Beattie
Deputy Chairman Ramsey Town Commissioners: Mrs E Carlile

Lead Members / Sub-Committees / Representatives

Finance, General Purposes and Establishment:

Lead Member: Mr. R. Radcliffe
Deputy: Mr. H. N. Malpass

Works and Development:

Lead Member: Mr. L. I. Singer
Deputy: Mr. G. K. Quayle

Housing and Property:

Lead Member: Mrs. E. Carlile
Deputy: Mrs. S. P. Beattie

Parks and Leisure:

Lead Member: Mr. K. A. Crowe
Deputy: Mr. W. G. Young

Housing Allocations Committee: Mrs. E. Carlile
(Chairman) Mrs. S. P. Beattie, Mrs. E. M. Bruce
and Mr. G. K. Quayle

Ramsey Regeneration Committee: The Chairman of the Board,
Lead Member for Finance, Lead Member for Works and Cpt. N. H. Malpass.

Housing Advisory Committee: Mrs. E. Carlile

Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee: (3 years to April, 2010) Mrs.
E. M. Bruce

Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board: (3 years to April, 2010) Dr. A.
J. Allinson

Manx Museum and National Trust: (to November, 2011.) Mr. B. Beattie
Ramsey Endowment Committee: (to 11th May, 2008.) Mr. K. A Crowe
Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Level 1 Tasking Group: Mrs. E. M.
Bruce

Society for the Preservation of the Manx Countryside: (1 year) Mr. W. G. Young

Manx Nature Conservation Trust Steering Group:(1 year) Mr. W. G. Young

Ramsey Chamber of Trade: Cpt. N. H. Malpass



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PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUING

As part of the overall programme of improvements, the recent scheme to replace windows and doors at Albert Terrace has been completed. Considerable investment in energy conservation measures is taking place across the Commission's existing housing stock, including the upgrade of insulation and the replacement of windows and doors. All property not presently scheduled for replacement will have loft insulation brought up to the latest standards and a large number of homes will have cavity wall insulation installed, with works expected to be completed this year. Schemes for replacement windows and doors commenced last year are ongoing and feedback on this work is very positive. On completion of these projects the Commission expects all its housing stock to have achieved a very high standard of thermal insulation, comparable to new housing, and with appropriate use, should result in considerably reduced heating costs.

As part of an Island-wide framework agreement, central heating upgrades are in the final stages at Bircham Avenue Close, with modern energy efficient, condensing gas "Combi" boilers, being installed along with new radiators. Similar works are to be progressed at Seamount Road, Brookhill Road, Upper Queens Pier Road, Lower Queens Pier Road, Albert Terrace, Westbourne Road and Gladstone Avenue over the next 24 months. We will try to give as much notice as possible of impending works.

Another initiative which is being very well received is the installation of 'wet rooms' in place of conventional bathrooms, in a number of ground floor flats at Bircham Avenue Close. This measure is enabling some of our tenants to maintain independent living for longer than they might otherwise have and also helps minimise the risks of falls. We hope to complete more such conversions as and when budget allows.

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GLADSTONE AVENUE, PAIRK OLLAY and DREEYM JALLYN



The Commission have recently accepted the final block of new houses in Phase 1 of the redevelopment scheme .

This marks the end of the construction period for the first phase of this £26 million Government funded project in which 52 new homes have now been completed. Commissioners' staff are currently planting the landscaping in the area.

Auldyn Construction Limited have delivered the new properties within budget and almost 2 months ahead of programme.

Once the new houses in Phase 1 are all occupied the Commissioners, in partnership with the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Unit, will be arranging an information evening for residents in the locality with the aim of introducing a new Neighbourhood Watch Area. Details of the date and venue will be circulated in advance.

The success of the redevelopment to date, and the construction of the recently completed new junior school, would not have been possible without the support and tolerance of residents



in the area and the Commissioners very much hope that the residents of the first new house will now be able to enjoy the peace and comfort of these new homes.



The contract for the second phase of redevelopment has been awarded to Auldyn Construction Limited. Work on the second phase, which will provide another 30 new homes, commenced in July with the first of these houses are expected to occupied by September 2009. The Commission will continue the operation of the Information Centre

YEW TREE APARTMENTS



It is anticipated that the block of 17 new apartments at the junction of Ballure Road and Walpole Drive will be accepted by the Commissioners before the end of September.

The scheme has been hampered by delays in recent months due to strong winds and very inclement weather however, the completed units will provide a welcome addition to the Commissioners housing stock.

The apartments have been finished to a high standard and will be considered for allocation soon. The units are serviced by a passenger lift and a door entry system, internally they all have 2 bedrooms, individual gas central heating systems and walk-in showers.

The development allows for one parking space per unit and the complex has a communal drying room for laundry. The apartments have been designed to the latest building and energy efficiency standards. These units are to be occupied by couples or singles only, over the age of 45 years, and will provide an ideal opportunity



for any tenants presently in a family house to downsize into a modern development, in a pleasant and convenient location. Once new tenants are settled in, we think it will be a good idea to form a Residents Association to have some input into the management of the building.



We would urge Tenants who wish to be considered for transfer to these new apartments to make contact with the Housing Section as soon as possible, to complete the necessary Transfer Form. Transfer Application Forms are available at the Town Hall Counter or by contacting the Town Hall on 810100.