



# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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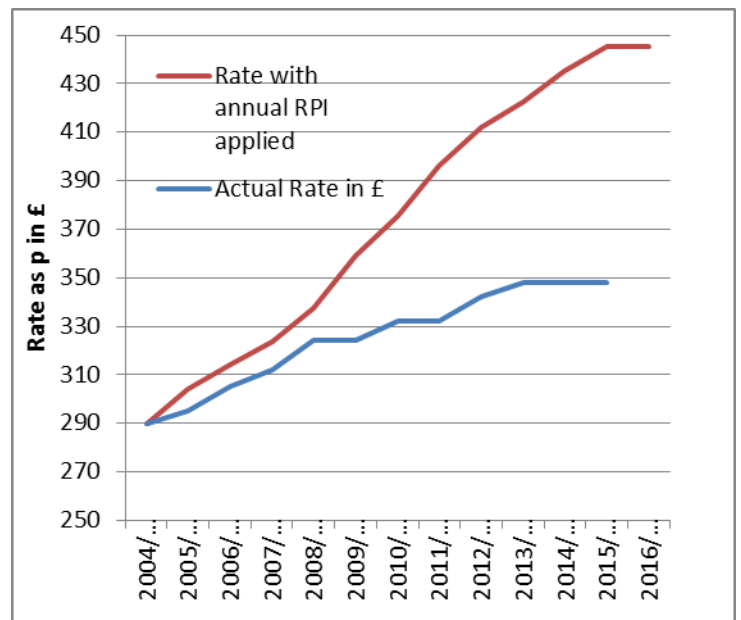
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## 2016/17 Rate Setting

The Ramsey Town Rate for 2016/17 has again been retained at 348p in the £.

This is the third successive year that the Ramsey Town Commissioners have maintained this level of rate; there has been no increase in rates in Ramsey since 2013. The rate set equates to less than £10 per week for an average 3 bedroom semi-detached house in the town. Rate income funds all Commissioners' services, with the exception of housing, including domestic refuse collection and disposal, off-street car parking, street lighting, street cleaning, parks and gardens and the public library.

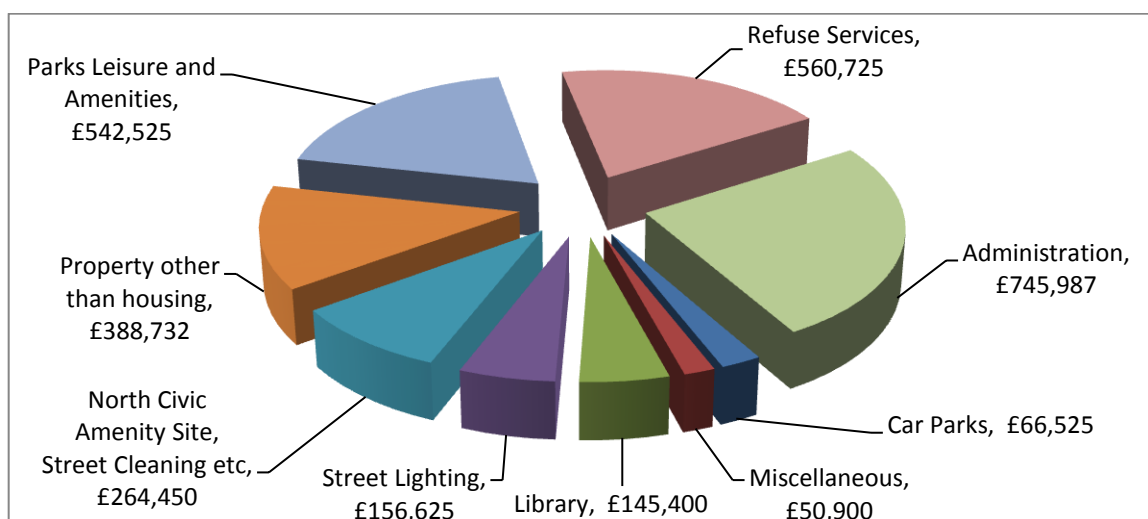


Over the past twelve years Ramsey Town rate increases have consistently been below the annual level of inflation, overall percentage rate increases being less than 25% of the total annual inflation increases during that period.

Over the past year the Commission has taken on responsibility for street cleaning, highway gullies and hedgerows and anticipates more Central Government services being transferred to local government to be funded through the rates system. Ramsey Commissioners remain of the view that rates are an indiscriminate form of taxation and are monitoring Treasury plans to review the system.

## Annual Expenditure

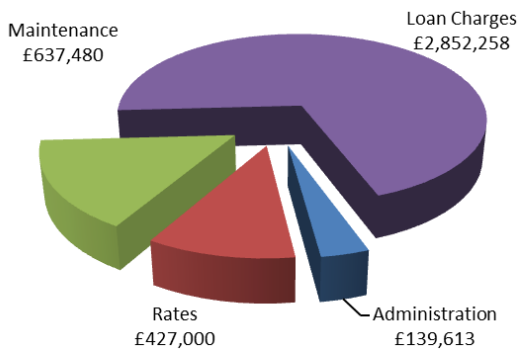
The Commission's net annual rate borne expenditure for 2016-17 totals £2,921,869.00, shown below:-



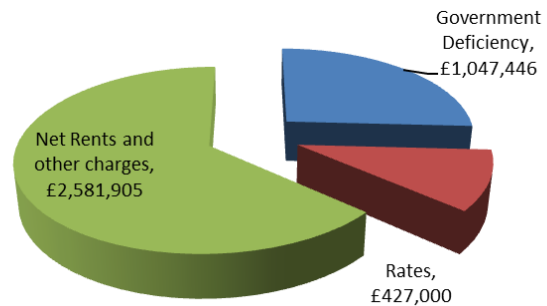
## Public Sector Housing

The Commission maintains 553 public sector houses with expenditure of £4,056,351 funded from housing rent and rate income and Government deficiency support of £1,047,446.

### Public Sector Housing Expenditure 2016-17



### Public Sector Housing Income 2016-17



## 2016-17 Key Action Points

During the forthcoming year the Commission will:-

- Appoint a Deputy Town Clerk / Town Centre Manager to develop community engagement, and to pro-actively manage and promote activities within the Town Centre area.
- Review and redesign its Website [www.ramsey.gov.im](http://www.ramsey.gov.im) to improve accessibility and engagement.
- Progress a pilot scheme for external re-rendering and re-roofing of public sector housing in Cronk Elfin.
- Review the Town's Dog Control Byelaws which require to be renewed before 2017.
- In conjunction with the Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee and the Department of Infrastructure submit planning applications for the redevelopment of the Mayfield and Close Woirrey estates to provide 37 sheltered housing units and 12 one bedroomed housing units.
- Commence the external repainting of Yew Tree Apartments and houses at Dreeym Ollay.
- Engage with the Department of Infrastructure for the extension of powers to enable the Town Warden to assist in the management of on-street car parking in the town centre.
- In conjunction with other works being undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure and Manx Utilities progress new street lighting schemes for Lezayre Road, between Faaie Wyllin and Gardeners Lane, and at Ash Grove, utilising LED fittings.
- Provide new decorative lighting in the area of Parliament Street between the Ramsey Courthouse and East Street.
- Undertake the resurfacing of College Street Car Park.
- Contribute toward the operating costs of the Northern Civic Amenity Site and the Northern Swimming Pool.
- Undertake the weekly collection and delivery for disposal at the Energy from Waste Facility of an annual total of 2,800 tonnes of domestic refuse, and provide commercial refuse services.
- Continue discussion with the Department of Infrastructure and northern local authorities towards the development of local management arrangements for the Northern Civic Amenity Site and for all public sector housing in the north of the Island.

A more detailed Rates Statement and copies of our Audited Accounts can be found on the Commissioners website [www.ramsey.gov.im](http://www.ramsey.gov.im).