



# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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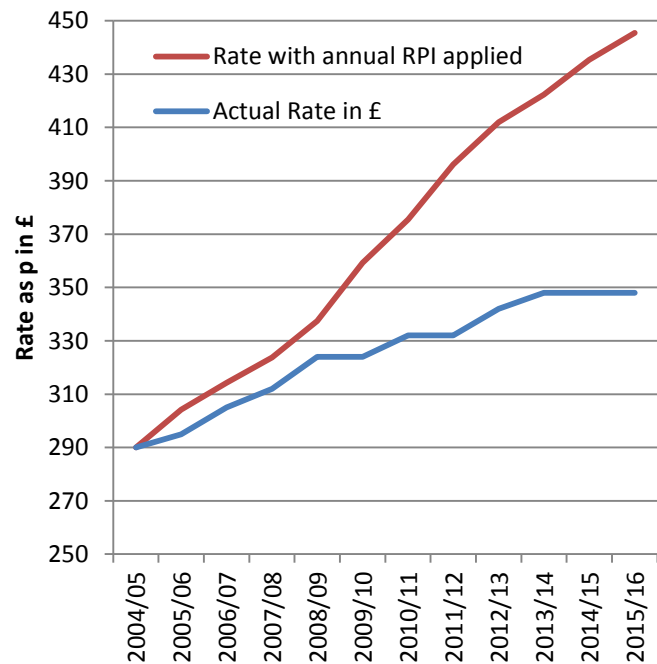
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## 2015/16 Rate Setting

The Ramsey Town Rate for 2015/16 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 property in the town.

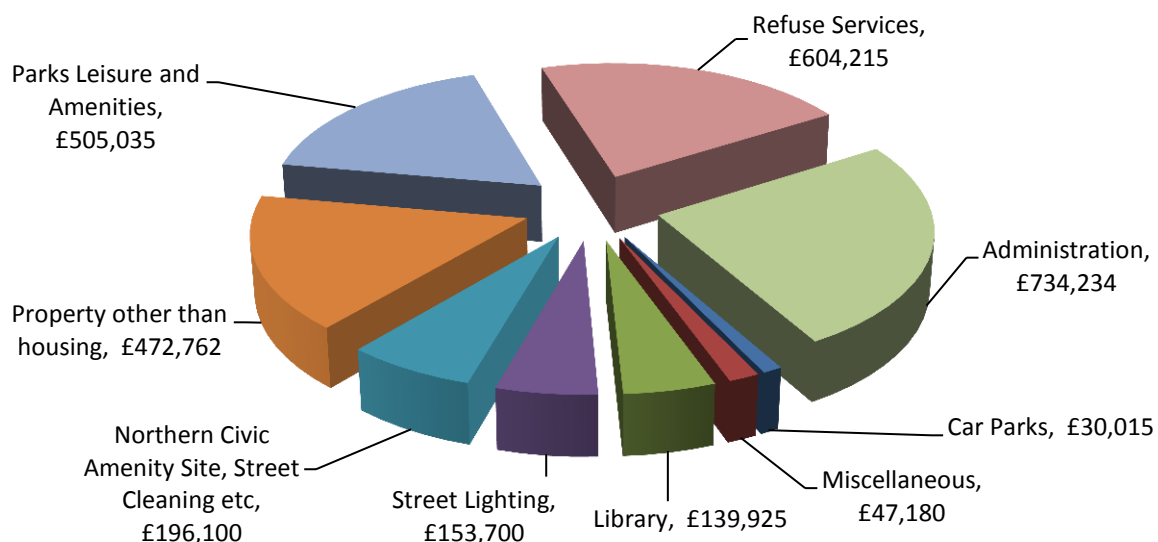
Over the past twelve years Ramsey Town rate increases have consistently been below the annual level of inflation, overall rate increases being only 55% of the total annual inflation increases during that period.



The 2015/16 rate setting process presented particular challenges due to the transfer of responsibility for street cleaning, gully emptying, and hedgerow maintenance from the Department of Infrastructure to Local Authorities. These transfers follow the introduction of increased refuse disposal charges and the transfer of litter collection charges, and reflect Government's move to see more services provided locally and funded through the rates system. Ramsey Commissioners hold the view that rates are an indiscriminate form of taxation and welcome Tynwald's decision to review the domestic rate system.

## Annual Expenditure

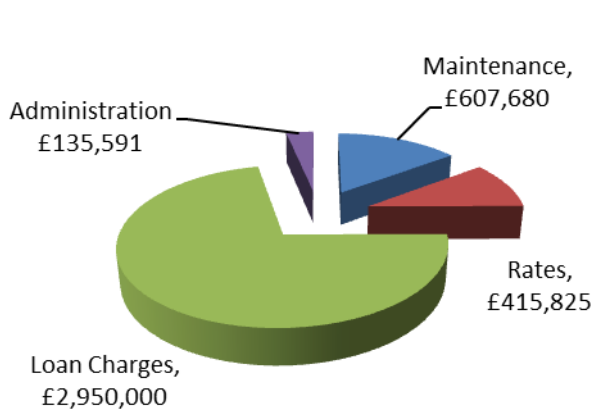
The Commission's net annual rate borne expenditure for 2015-16 totals £2,883,166.00, shown below:-.



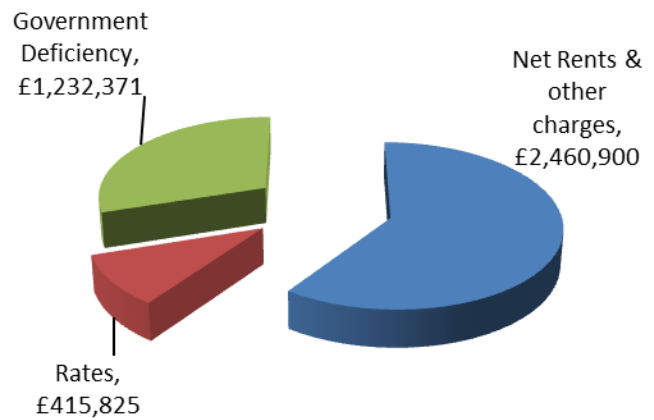
## Public Sector Housing

The Commission maintains 547 public sector houses with expenditure of £4,109,096 funded from housing rent and rate income and Government deficiency support of £1,232,371.

### Public Sector Housing Expenditure 2015-16



### Public Sector Housing Income 2015-16



## 2015-16 Key Action Points

During the forthcoming year the Commission will:-

- Complete Kitchen Framework Contract 22 to replace 124 kitchens in public sector housing.
- Progress a pilot scheme for external re-rendering of public sector housing in Cronk Elfin.
- Progress capital schemes for the redevelopment of the Mayfield and Close Woirrey estates in conjunction with the Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee and the Department of Infrastructure.
- Commence the external repainting of Dreeym Ollay, Faaie Wyllin and Yew Tree Apartments.
- Assume responsibility for street-cleaning, highway verge maintenance, hedgerows and rainwater gully maintenance within the Town, from the Department of Infrastructure, within an initial budget of £62,000 which will be reviewed during the course of the year.
- Enter into a leasing agreement for a new refuse collection vehicle to replace its oldest fleet vehicle which was acquired in 2004.
- Review its commercial refuse collection service and refuse charges policy.
- Replace the roof to the Lakeside Centre, Mooragh Park.
- Install low energy lighting to its Riverside Workshops.
- Progress new street lighting schemes for Lezayre Road, between Faaie Wyllin and Gardeners Lane, and at Ash Grove, utilising LED fittings.
- Contribute toward the operating costs of the Northern Civic Amenity Site and the Northern Swimming Pool.
- Introduce new play equipment suitable for wheelchair users and renew areas of worn safety matting at its public playgrounds.
- Review the public library operation to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of the community.
- Continue to engage with the local community and work for the benefit of the town, its residents, businesses and organisations.

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).