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Parliament Square,
Ramsey,
Isle of Man.

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11th October, 2019.

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 evening next, **16th October, 2019**, at 7.00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood,
Mr. A. J. Oldham (Granted Leave of absence).
2. **Minutes for Adoption:** pages: 1 - 13
 - Minutes of Board Meeting held on 18th September, 2019.
 - Minutes of Special 7th October, 2019.
3. **Appointment:**
Appointment of a Member to represent the Commission on the Isle of Man Municipal Association, in place of Mr. N. P. Howard.
4. **Matters arising not included within the Agenda.**
5. **Chairman's Report:** pages: 14 - 15
 - Annual Civil Service of Remembrance
 - Annual Fireworks Display
 - Jurby Parish Civic Sunday
 - Andreas Civic Sunday
 - Meet and Greet

6. Finance and General Purposes:

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- Town Clerk's Report:
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 - Accounts
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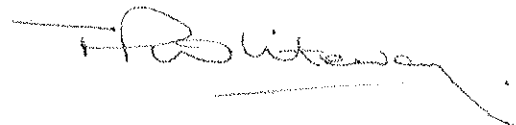
- Town Clerk's Report:
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- Technical Services Manager's Reports:
 - Planning Applications
 - Balladoole Odour Control

10. Any other Business:

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Matters Raised by the Public:
 - ❖ Public Sector Rents
- Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ Isle of Man Municipal Association



Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 18th September, 2019, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mesdames M. B. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' Canon N. D. Greenwood, W. L. Hankin, N. P. Howard, J. McGuinness, G. Monk, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Mr. A. J. Oldham has been granted leave of absence.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Technical Services Manager, Housing and Property Manager, and Minute Clerk were in attendance.

(2019/20:130) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 21st August, 2019, and the Special Board Meeting held on 9th September, 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Clause 125 Wallaby Trail - the wording of the resolution was amended to record that after debate, without motion, it was agreed that there was no interest in acquiring a wallaby.

Special Board Meeting - Mr. Hankin advised that he had submitted apologies for absence. Canon Greenwood commented on the short notice given for the meeting, as a result of which had been unable to attend.

(2019/20:131) Matters Arising:

The Chairman advised that the item Town Clerk's Report "Matters Raised by the Public" would be considered under Any Other Business as provided for under Standing Orders.

(2019/20:132) Chairman's Report:

Resolved: To note the Chairman's report dated 13th September, 2019, subject to the following:-

Commemoration of Loss - the Chairman reiterated his thanks to His Excellency for attending this occasion and to the Royal British Legion and Commissioners' staff for all they had done since the commencement of the commemorations in 2014.

Meet and Greet - Members were reminded of the Meet and Greet on 5th October, 2019, (the date having been changed from that originally scheduled). Mr. Hankin asked that the Meet and Greet be fully advertised and reminded the Deputy Town Clerk that additional tables would be needed as those at the Courthouse would be in use.

(2019/20:132) Chairman's Report: continued

Ramsey Horticultural Show - the Chairman reiterated his honour at being asked to present the awards and congratulated all those involved with Ramsey Horticultural Society.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2019/20:133) Town Clerk's Report - Public Meeting 5G Technology:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 5th September, 2019, advising of the meeting about 5G Technology, to which members have been invited, being held at the Manx Legion Club, Douglas, on 30th September, 2019, from 7.30 p.m.

(2019/20:134) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Ramsey Courthouse - THOR:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th September, 2019, in which an update was given following a meeting held with Mr. Tim Baker, Chairman of THOR, on 10th September.

(2019/20:135) Finance Officer General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's General Report dated 11th September, 2019.

Works and Development:

(2019/20:136) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Highway Defects:

Resolved: Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th September, 2019, in which attention is drawn to the facility whereby highway defects can be reported to the Department of Infrastructure via the Department's on-line service.

Mr. Williams reiterated the final paragraph of the report in that members of the public are encouraged to report problems directly to the Department. Mr. McGuinness concurred with Mr. Williams's remarks.

(2019/20:137) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: That the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 11th September, 2019, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted and approved, subject to the following:-

**(2019/20:137) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:
continued**

REF NO: 3707
P.A. NO.: 19/00953/B
APPLICANT: Don Taylor
PROPOSED: Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage within garden
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **41, Fairway Drive, Ramsey.**

Mr. Cowie queried access to the proposal and was informed no concerns had been identified. It was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed to make no objections to the application.

Appendix - In response to a query members were reminded that the planning application in respect of 10, Water Street, had been refused because of parking issues.

Housing and Property:

(2019/20:138) Town Clerk's Report - Public Sector Rents 2020-21:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 6th September, 2019, to which was appended the Housing and Property Manager's report to the Housing Committee dated 29th August, 2019, concerning the request made by the Department of Infrastructure for the views of local authorities on the level of increase of public sector rents for 2020-21. Members noted that the Housing Committee had considered the Housing and Property Manager's report and as a result recommend inflationary increases for rent, administration and maintenance.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mrs. Wedgwood, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed without division, that the Department be informed that the Commission is agreeable to rises in rents, maintenance and administration for public sector housing in line with inflations based on CPI calculations. Members were informed that the rate of inflation based on CPI at August, 2019, was 2.5%.

(2019/20:139) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Housing Performance and Statistics 201-20:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 12th September, 2019, to which was appended the Housing Performance and Statistics to 30th June, 2019, namely the first quarter for the year ending 31st March, 2020.

Mr. Cowie queried the "turn around" time for unoccupied properties and was informed that the 5 weeks was the standard set by the Department - the Commission's work force tries to better this standard whenever possible - some properties being turned around within one week, with the exception of major refurbishments which experience a turnaround of nearer 12 weeks. Members asked if future Statistics could include an average of the turnaround time.

(2019/20:139) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Housing Performance and Statistics 201-20: continued

Mrs. Quayle queried the nature of repairs undertaken and was informed that these were multifarious - a frequent repair was noted as being associated with boilers and the boiler replacement programme boilers proposed should result in fewer repairs. The Housing and Property Manager advised that the repairs are monitored closely by the Housing Supervisors. Mrs. Quayle also queried if tenants had the option with regard to cookers in kitchen refurbishment where gas installation was being added. The Housing and Property Manager advised that no queries had been raised by tenants as to the options open to them.

Mr. Cowie made reference to the footpaths at Vernon Road and members were informed that these were estate footpaths and therefore the responsibility of the Commission.

(2019/20:140) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Update on Housing Projects:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 12th September, 2019, which lists capital, larger revenue and planned future projects being undertaken with regard to the Commission's housing stock and detailing progress thereon. Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 6th September, 2019, to which was appended the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 29th August, 2019,

Parks and Leisure:

(2019/20:141) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Creative Toilets:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th September, 2019, advising of the progress of the "Creative Toilets" installation for the Market Place being coordinated in conjunction with the Isle of Man Arts Council.

(2019/20:142) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Firework Display:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th September, 2019, advising of events that will take place in conjunction with the Commission's firework display on 5th November, 2019.

Members noted that entertainment, including a choir and 2 bands will commence from 6.00 p.m. It was also noted that additional catering will be provided and this will include a "hog-roast".

(2019/20:143) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Manx Radio Broadcast Ramey Courthouse:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th September, 2019, in which Manx Radio's thanks are conveyed to the Commissioners for facilitating a live broadcast from Ramsey Courthouse on 6th September, 2019.

Mr. Cowie commented that he found the event interesting. Mr. Hankin referred to the positive media coverage given by Manx Radio to Ramsey Courthouse in recent weeks especially concerning the Farmers' Markets and new stall holders.

Any Other Business:

(2019/20:144) Matters raised by Public:

The Town Clerk drew attention to 2 matters raised by the public for discussion; namely

- i. Local Authority Membership; and
- ii. Local Authority Working Together

It was proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the matters be discussed at this meeting in public. Information Reports previously circulated to members by the Town Clerk were tabled in respect of each matter.

144:i Local Authority Membership:

The matter was discussed with the overall feeling expressed being that having 12 members in Ramsey provided diversity, wider representation, increased engagement with the town, and ensured that sufficient members were available to undertake the various responsibilities vested in the Commission.

Following discussion no motion was placed to review the current membership structure.

144:ii Local Authority Working Together:

Members concurred with the comments submitted by the Town Clerk and agreed there was close liaison with local authorities with which the Commission is involved by way of joint boards or committees. Investigations are ongoing with regard to public sector housing.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the matter be raised at the next meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association, and that the northern Parish authorities be approached to determine if any advantages can be identified by working more closely together.

(2019/20:145) Former Ramsey Railway Line:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the “Old Railway Line, Ramsey (Public Path) Order 2019” being progressed by the Department of Infrastructure, under the Highways Act, 1986, whereby the old railway line from Poyll Dooley Road to Gardeners Lane and a link across land in the ownership of the Department of Enterprise to the Lezayre Estate Road by Dreeym Ollay would be classified as a Cycle Path. Members were informed that the Order would need to go to Tynwald for ultimate approval, that the Commission would still own the land but the Department of Infrastructure would maintain the cycle path as public highway. The land would remain accessible to pedestrians.

Mr. McGuinness queried lighting, which would require to be done swiftly - the Town Clerk replied that at this stage there was no information about lighting or the extent of the works merely the statutory provision to enable such works.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the Commission support and welcome the Order to create a cycle path.

(2019/20:146) Sundry Matters:

Mr. Hankin draw attention to blocked gullies around the town and was advised by the Technical Services Manager that these are being attended to; Mr Hankin queried whether anything further could be done to improve the appearance of the Britannia Hotel, the windows of which have been recently boarded-up (the matter would be discussed further in private Clause 150 refers).

(2019/20:147) Representative Report:

Resolved: To note verbal Representative report given by Mr. McGuinness in respect of his attendance at a meeting of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board - précised to reflect that user numbers have decreased because the NSC has re-opened and that the Board will of its own volition progress the installation of LED lighting in view of lack of response from the Department.

Mr. Cowie asked if the Board has approached the Department to seek grant or assistance for replacement lighting - Mr. McGuinness responded that he was disinclined to suggest this to the Board as the Board receiving grant or deficiency payment is much the same thing.

The Chairman thanked the media representative and public for attending and closed the public session at 8.02 p.m.

The following items were considered in private the detail of which, having regard to data protection, matters affecting persons who cannot be named, etc., is not as extensive as that contained in minutes of matters discussed in public.

(2019/20:148) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes of the Board Meeting held on 21st August, or the Special Board Meeting held on 9th September, 2019, were recorded in private.

Matters for Information:

(2019/20:149) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the Housing Committee held on 3rd September, 2019, subject to the following:-

Clause 41b - Members were informed that the tenancy is fixed term and a review of income will take place when the tenancy is due for renewal;

Clause 41c - Members were informed that the tenancy would now become a fixed term, rather than permanent, and a review of the income of the tenant and partner would take place when the fixed term tenancy next came up for renewal;

(2019/20:149) Housing Committee Continued:

Clause 45a - It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that subject to Government approval funds not expended on the scheme referred to within the clause be used to offset similar works at another housing scheme.

(2019/20:150) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 13th September, 2019, included within the agenda and the following comments made thereon, and accepting that some matters may be referred to in other sections of these minutes:-

- *Amenity Byelaws* - it was agreed that the Chairman sign the Amenity Byelaws;
- *Shoprite Group* - an updated report is to be presented on public conveniences;
- *Water Fountains Mooragh Park* - members were informed that the Rotary Club of Ramsey will sponsor the provision of and plumbing costs of the water fountains - the Commission will be required to maintain them thereafter - a cheque hand-over is to be arranged and agreement is to be reached on suitable plaques in recognition of the Club’s generosity.
- *Ramsey North Beach* - the Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Department of Infrastructure has to yet confirm the location for raft and plans for the siting of changing huts are being progressed by the Housing and Property Manager;
- *Vollan / Balladoole Odours* - reports about odours are still being received about Balladoole and are being reported on site, the Vollan to be removed from list;
- *Town Branding* - a report about the meeting held on 16th September will be presented to the October Board Meeting.
- *Mart Site* - the Housing and Property Manager confirmed that an architect, who is aware of Government criteria for public housing, is working on options to present to the Commissioners. It was agreed that the agents acting for the owners be informed that the Commissioners would understand if any interest in the site resulted in a sale prior to them being able to reach a decision on whether or not to acquire the site.
- *Upper Queen’s Pier Road* - this item to be removed from the list;

(2019/20:150) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”: continued

- **Bunscoill Rhumsaa** - the Housing and Property Manager was asked to attempt to obtain further quotations;
- **Close y Chibbyr Ghlass** - this item to be removed from the list;
- **Shelter Public Art** - the Deputy Town Clerk reported some progress. It was noted that the Isle of Man Arts Council has changed its policy on funding applications and this matter will now be considered in January 2020. The Deputy Town Clerk will report further to the Commission;

The Register of Ruinous Property and Unsightly Buildings appended to the Action Tracker was noted, subject to the following:-

- **Bleak House** – Section 24 Notices have been served on the leaseholder to the property;
- **Ben My Chree Queen’s Promenade** – remedial works to the site are to be discussed with the Planners owing to its location within a conservation area;
- **Bleak House** - members were informed that Section 24 Notices had been served - Mr. Young advised that he was aware of water ingress where the roof had been repaired;
- **Sea View Villa** - the Technical Services Manager informed members of her understanding that the owners have indicated a willingness to do works necessary - the matter will be discussed with the Environmental Health Inspector in the near future;
- **Britannia Hotel** - the Town Clerk advised that the Commission’s immediate powers are limited to ensuring the building is safe - this matter will also be discussed with the Environmental Health Inspector.

Mrs. Quayle drew attention to the property Seymour, Ballure Road about which she has concerns and was informed that the Technical Services Manager is aware of the property and has written to the owners.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2019/20:151) Town Clerk’s Report - Rating Appeals:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 9th September, 2109, advising of a recommendation received from the Government Valuer that a 15% rate reduction be applied in respect of a specific property.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed without division, that the recommendation be supported.

(2019/20:152) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s Report dated 11th September, 2019, subject to the following:-

Rent Arrears - concern was expressed about the level of rent arrears and how quickly such arrears accrued - the process and difficulties involved in recovering arrears was explained and members assured that every effort is taken to communicate with tenants in arrears.

(2019/20:152) Finance Officer's General Report: continued

Aged Debtors - details of an account outstanding was explained and members were also informed that debts over 90 days were chased regularly although it is recognised that some are proving difficult to recover.

Works and Development:

(2019/20:153) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Parking Study:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th September, 2019, concerning the parking study, insofar as the Town is concerned, prepared by the STEP student engaged by the Department of Infrastructure under the brief "What can the Isle of Man implement into its Car Parking strategy to support and develop the towns across the Isle of Man?" A copy of the study had been circulated to members.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Williams agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk submit a strategic report on the study. The Town Clerk advised members that some of the proposals within the study would require regulation and/or traffic orders should they be progressed.

Mr. Young queried if the Department of Infrastructure would now considered abolishing the herring-bone parking on the Quay and was informed that it is understood the Department will consider this when repairs to the quayside have been undertaken.

Members were informed that the Deputy Town Clerk and Technical Assistant had received warrants with regard to on-street parking control. Mr. Monk queried if on-street parking fines would be received by the Commission and was advised not.

Further discussion referred to the duties of the Town Wardens and it was agreed that this be included in a wider strategic report on parking and options open to the Commission.

Parks and Leisure:

(2019/20:154) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Play Area and Exercise Equipment:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 11th September, 2019, concerning the report prepared and circulated on the condition of play and exercise equipment under the Commission's control. Members were concerned at the estimated annual costs, in addition to which the Town Clerk advised that some of the equipment, whilst being serviceable might not meet current criteria for inclusive play equipment. The Housing and Property Manager advised that further investigation could be undertaken with regards to costs and suppliers.

(2019/20:154) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Play Area and Exercise Equipment: continued

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed unanimously to act in accordance with the 3 recommendations within the report, namely:

- Developing the condition summary document into a future strategy document;
- The installation of inclusive play equipment within the current play areas;
- To investigate the possibility of consulting with disabled children, their families and support groups on the provision of inclusive equipment and the accessibility of the play areas.

Mr. Parker queried if the grassed area opposite “Costa in the Park” could be used to provide an exclusive play area for the disabled and was advised that all play areas are under equality legislation required to be inclusive and it would not be possible therefore to provide an exclusive area.

(2019/20:155) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Sprintfest:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th September, 2019, concerning proposals for the 2020 Sprintfest. Members noted that the timing of road closure will be extended and were informed that entertainment could be provided over the four evenings. Mrs. Wedgwood queried if the public houses would be able to cope and was advised that any additional requirements for public houses or extended trading hours for shop would be down to the respective proprietors.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Williams, and agreed by 10 votes to 1, that the proposed format, dates and budget for the 2020 Sprintfest be accepted. Mr. Hankin voted against.

Any Other Business:

(2019/20:155) Finance Officer's Report - Insurance Renewal Quote:

Members considered the Finance Officer's tabled report dated 18th September, 2019, advising of the quotations submitted by the Commission's brokers Rossborough Insurance for cover and fees for 2019/20 - premiums commencing 1st October, 2019. Members were reminded that the Commission has entered into a 5 year brokership deal with Rossborough.

The four recommendations included within the report were presented individually with the following result:

- To accept the premium quotation - proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mrs. Quayle - agreed without division;
- To accept the brokerage fee - proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed without division;
- To reject the need for Directors' Trustees and Officers' cover;
- To reject the need for Cyber Insurance.

(2019/20:155) Finance Officer's Report - Insurance Renewal Quote: continued

The items rejected were not put to formal proposal but agreed by consensus.

It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed by 10 votes to 1, to continue the meeting beyond 10.00 p.m. to its conclusion. Mrs. Wedgwood voted against.

Matters of Establishment:

(2019/20:156) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the meetings of the Establishment Committee held on 9th September, 2019, subject to the following:-

Page 43 - third bulleted point - Mr. Young suggested that the Commission give consideration to developing the site for public sector housing - no further comments were made on this matter and no vote was taken.

The meeting closed at 10.03 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

[PUBLIC]

A Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Monday 7th October, 2019, at 7.05 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. G. Cowie Chairman, Mrs. J. Wedgwood, Messrs' N. P. Howard , W. L. Hankin, J. McGuinness, L. Parker and W.G. Young.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs. M. B. Quayle and Canon N. D. Greenwood.

Mr. Oldham has been granted Leave of Absence.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were in attendance.

The Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey, Dr. A. J. Allinson and Mr. L. L. Hooper attended the meeting by invitation.

(2019/20:157) Meeting with Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey:

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Allinson and Mr. Hooper.

Discussion took place around a number of issues including:

- Rates Reform
- Social Housing management
- Housing deficiency
- Transport interchange & bus services including the “connect” service
- Active Travel
- Flood defences
- West Quay
- Ramsey Courthouse
- Town Branding and regeneration
- Communications with the MHK's
- Swimming Pool

(2019/20:158) Bleak House

It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood , and agreed by 6 votes to 1 that Dr. Allinson and Mr. Hooper be invited to hear this item of business. Mr. McGuinness voted against.

Members noted and discussed the Town Clerk's report dated 7th October 2019 which had been tabled.

**Ramsey Town Commissioners –
Special Board Meeting 7th October, 2019 - Continued:**

Resolved: That following a proposal from Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood to reluctantly withdraw the Section 24 Notices at this time, without prejudice to the further service of notice in the event that there is any undue delay in the process of sale and that officers should meet with advocates and interested parties as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m., giving a time of 2½ hours for payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
OCTOBER, 2019.**

Fellow Members,

Annual Civic Service of Remembrance

The annual Civic Service of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial in the Courthouse Grounds, Parliament Street, commencing 10:50 a.m. on Sunday 10th November, 2019.

An invitation has also been received from the Chief Minister for a representative and a guest (or two representatives) to attend the National Service of Remembrance Re-Dedication, at the Royal Chapel, St. Johns at 2.45 p.m., to be attended by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Gozney.

The Ramsey Branch of the Royal British Legion will, be holding an evening service at a venue to be decided.

Annual Fireworks Display:

The Commission's Annual Bonfire Night Firework Display will take place on Tuesday 5th November, 2019, at the Mooragh Park with musical entertainment and food stalls being provided in the park from 6.30 p.m. The Fireworks will be discharged at 7.30 p.m.

Jurby Parish Civic Sunday:

An invitation has been received on behalf of Mr Simon Hampton, Chairman of Jurby Parish Commissioners to attend Divine Service in Jurby Parish Church on Sunday, 20th October, 2019, at 11.15 a.m.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Chairman and Fellow Commissioners will be pleased to welcome every to the Parish Hall, Bretney Road where refreshments will be served.

Andreas Parish Civic Sunday:

An invitation has been received on behalf of Mr. Jimmy Allison, Chairman of Andreas Parish Commissioners to attend Divine Service in Andreas Parish Church on Sunday, 27th October, 2019, at 11.15 a.m.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Chairman and Fellow Commissioners will be pleased to welcome every to the Parish Hall, Smeale Road where refreshments will be served.

Meet and Greet

I would to thank fellow Members who attended for giving up their time to attend the recent Meet and Greet event held on Saturday 5th October, 2019, at the Ramsey Courthouse.

The Meet and Greet events are an important aspect of the Commissioners engagement with the community, and serve to enable us to gauge public opinion of the work we do, and I would like to record my thanks to those members of the public who took the opportunity to meet with their elected representatives.

A number of issues were raised by those who attended which are now being addressed, these include:

- Vegetation around the Bunscoill Rhumsaa site
- Street lighting outage on Lezayre Road
- A map to be installed at the Bus Station
- Signage to the bus station
- Contact with incoming tour companies

The next such event will be held on Saturday 18th January, 2020.

11th October, 2019.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS 2020
OCTOBER 2019 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department has given advance notice that under the provisions of Section 3 of the Local Elections Act 1986, it is proposed that the date of the next Local Authority (General) Election shall be Thursday, 23rd April, 2020.

An update has also been given on the review of legislation governing the Local Authority Elections. The Cabinet Office is progressing a root and branch review of all elections legislation on the Island but the timeframe for the completion of this work is beyond the elections in April 2020. In these circumstances the extant legislation will remain in place for the April 2020 elections.

A reminder has been issued that the next updates to the electoral register will be effective from 1st January 2020, and following this, the 1st April 2020. However, it is important to note that the actual cut-off point for receipt of applications for inclusion on the register will be 18th December, 2019, for the January register and 18th March, 2020, for the April register.

It is anticipated the annual postal canvas will be carried out early in the New Year and persons should ensure that they complete and return their registration form by the Deadline prior to the 1st April, 2020 in order to ensure they remain on the electoral register. The Electoral Registration Unit has advised that there is a website which can be visited which assists with registration, the address is www.gov.im/elections.

Queries in regard to the electoral register can be addressed by contacting the Electoral Registration Office on 685741 or elections@gov.im.

Members are also reminded that in the event of a casual vacancy occurring within 6 months (in this instance 1st November 2019) before the day on which the member whose office is vacant would regularly have retired, an election shall not be held, unless more than 1/3rd of the seats on the Bar are vacant.

Recommendation: to be noted.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

12th October, 2019.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
OCTOBER 2019 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following documents are appended for review and/or information :

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in September 2019 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 30th September 2019 – Appendix 2.
3. Extracts from the draft financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2019 – Appendix 3.

Accounts

Accounts totalling £1,159,378.49 were paid through the General Revenue Account and accounts totalling £30,060.50 were paid through the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in September 2019. Details of the accounts paid and the suppliers utilised are attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation : To be noted.

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure

A summary of the 2019-20 Income and Expenditure for the period to 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 together with associated graphical depiction is attached at Appendix 2. It should be noted that the graphical disclosures are both for month-by-month and cumulative figures.

Recommendation : To be noted.

Audit and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2019

The annual audit fieldwork on the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2019, has been completed. At the time of writing we await discussions with the auditors in respect of any potential adjustments or disclosures. I do not envisage there being any qualification on the audit and the auditors have not raised the issue of potential qualification of the audit report.

At the end of the audit work the auditors will prepare a Management Letter for the Commission which will document any areas of concern.

One of the final pieces of the audit work will also be the preparation of a Letter of Representation which is a method by which the auditors seek confirmation and comfort on various items including:

- That all financial records have been made available for their review.
- That there are no material misstatements, etc.
- That we are confident that there have been no allegations of fraud or suspected fraud.
- That we are of the view that the Commission has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future.

Finance Officer's General Report October 2019 - Public Continued:
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Appendix 3 discloses appropriate extracts from the draft financial statements for review. The full accounts are 39 pages long hence the use of extracts for disclosure purposes now. Certain items to be noted from the extracts are :

- There is a £120,772 increase in net expenditure on general services provided with the increased expenditure being spread across most sections of the services provided. Individual Income & Expenditure A/cs. at the back of the appendix provide further detail.
- There is a slight decrease of £33,037 in net housing income (£2,084,046 to £2,051,009). This is mainly due to the boiler replacement programme.
- There is a £112,953 increase in net rate income.
- Overall there is a net deficit on the provision of services of £(139,104); 2018 a surplus of £142,659. However, this overall deficit includes a £(293,775) deficit on the transfer of the Mayfield plot to Ramsey & Northern District Housing Committee. If this were excluded a £154,671 surplus would result.
- During the year long-term loan liabilities have been reduced by £1,567,881.
- Over the financial year the net assets position (as shown on the balance sheet) has increased by £193,896 to £27,188,189.

All Local Authorities are required to submit their financial statements to the Department of Infrastructure by the 31st October of each year. In order to achieve this deadline I now seek the Board's approval and authorisation as follows :

1. Approval of these draft financial statements.
2. Authorisation for the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer to sign both the accounts and the auditor's Letter of Representation.

Recommendation : approval of the draft financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2019 and authorisation for the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer to sign them and the associated Letter of Representation on completion of the audit process.

9th October 2019.

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 30 September 2019

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Banks	Loan interest	432,178.38
Banks	Loan capital	395,668.59
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	160,876.61
IOM Government	Waste disposal charges	34,019.71
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	22,923.81
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	22,779.01
Various	Legal & prof. fees - housing	21,932.08
Various	Fuel & oil	13,917.82
Various	Park materials	12,588.04
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	9,616.04
Manx Utilities	Electricity charges	7,996.63
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	5,860.32
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,887.85
Various	Security, etc.	2,859.33
Manx Telecom	Phones	2,592.07
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	2,444.34
Various	Contract cleaning	1,833.33
Various	IT costs	1,712.37
Various	Staff training	1,478.00
Various	Library books & DVD's	1,185.80
Various	Decorative street lighting	980.57
Various	Machinery maintenance	772.79
Various	Gift vouchers	185.00
Various	Media & advertising	90.00
		1,159,378.49

Northern Civic Amenity Site

IOM Government	Waste disposal charges	13,152.71
Island Drainage & Groundwork	Skip haulage	9,754.80
Protec	Contract labour	3,280.50
Various	Recycling charges	3,249.22
Various	Fuel & oil	357.46
Manx Utilities	Electricity charges	109.08
Various	Equipment repairs	31.49
Various	Site maintenance	59.82
Worldpay	Debit card reader charge	45.61
Bank	Charges	19.81
		30,060.50

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Suppliers utilised during September 2019

Appendix 1

AB Photography	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Allan C Swales Ltd.	IOM	Manx Independent Carriers Ltd.	IOM
Antelle IT Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom	IOM
Appleby	IOM	Manx Utilities Authority	IOM
Argon Cabling Services	IOM	Marksman Locksmith	IOM
Argon IT Services Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	MIW Water Cooler Experts	UK
AWF Specialist Maintenance Systems	UK	Nomix Enviro Ltd.	UK
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Bertram Trading Ltd.	UK	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Pro-tec Security Ltd.	IOM
Cameron Hall (Services) Ltd.	IOM	PS IT Solutions	Ire
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Construction Testing & Advisory Servs.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Country Paving & Ornamental Ltd.	IOM	Safety Management Services Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Consultants Ltd.	IOM	Scarab Sweepers Ltd.	UK
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	SSI Schaefer Ltd.	UK
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Silva Consulting	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Holstline	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	2Clean	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	TLC Business Solutions	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	VP Systems UK Ltd.	UK
Island Drainage & Groundworks Ltd.	IOM	WDS Ltd.	IOM
John Ashton Roofing	IOM	WF Howes Ltd.	UK
Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
Mannin Media Group Ltd.	IOM	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	UK
MannVend Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
		Wurth UK Ltd.	UK

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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 - Appendix 2

	2019 - 2020 to date			Estimate for 2019 - 2020		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	2,320,841	2,688,765	(367,924)	4,198,000	4,248,600	(50,600)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	10,398	6,386	4,012	29,700	24,100	5,600
Brookfield Court	5,366	4,282	1,084	15,650	16,930	(1,280)
Close ny Mooragh	14,259	10,525	3,734	33,600	42,700	(9,100)
Sub Total	£2,350,864	£2,709,958	(£359,094)	£ 4,276,950	£ 4,332,330	(£55,380)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	117,262	17,848	99,414	219,400	23,100	196,300
Workshops	54,398	0	54,398	97,770	0	97,770
Public Conveniences	26,436	0	26,436	54,600	0	54,600
Courthouse	23,361	1,625	21,736	40,000	0	40,000
Mansail Lease	4,230	4,822	(592)	4,200	7,590	(3,390)
Lakeside Centre	4,028	6,417	(2,389)	4,200	11,170	(6,970)
Parklands Day Nursery	1,804	8,817	(7,013)	2,360	17,150	(14,790)
Bowling Alley	22	7,500	(7,478)	2,000	15,000	(13,000)
Non-Lease Properties	3,071	0	3,071	11,600	0	11,600
Prom Shelters, etc	6,550	0	6,550	13,200	0	13,200
Private Property Repairs	1,387	0	1,387	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	3,546	0	3,546	4,500	0	4,500
Apprentices	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	35,725	32,432	3,293	19,000	20,900	(1,900)
Park assets	17,048	0	17,048	49,300	0	49,300
Sub Total	£298,868	£79,461	£219,407	£532,630	£94,910	£437,720

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	463	0	463	3,500	0	3,500
Car Parks	16,670	16,394	276	53,300	16,300	37,000
Refuse Removal	348,358	63,975	284,383	703,990	139,700	564,290
Civic Amenity contribution	87,028	0	87,028	174,100	0	174,100
Sewers & Pumps	52,392	52,392	0	104,735	104,735	0
Street & Dec Lighting	33,477	0	33,477	114,000	0	114,000
Local Services	37,076	0	37,076	97,000	0	97,000
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£575,464	£132,761	£442,703	£1,250,625	£260,735	£989,890

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Advertising & Entertaining	36,956	10,376	26,580	55,500	3,500	52,000
Parks & Gardens	142,233	513	141,720	281,411	602	280,809
Games Concessions	4,937	0	4,937	16,500	2,000	14,500
Public Library	68,577	5,421	63,156	141,600	11,300	130,300
Sub Total	£252,703	£16,310	£236,393	£495,011	£17,402	£477,609

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	20,641	0	20,641	64,700	0	64,700
Office Expenses	474,368	76,670	397,698	950,550	83,000	867,550
Sundry Expenses	5,020	0	5,020	15,500	0	15,500
Miscellaneous	15,836	35,057	(19,221)	29,500	20,400	9,100
Swimming Pool	16,443	0	16,443	17,500	0	17,500
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Vehicle Replacement	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Ramsey Town Management	3,038	0	3,038	6,500	0	6,500
Sub Total	£537,346	£111,727	£425,619	£1,096,250	£103,400	£992,850

TOTAL	£4,015,245	£3,050,217	£1,044,489	£ 7,651,466	£ 4,808,777	£ 2,842,689
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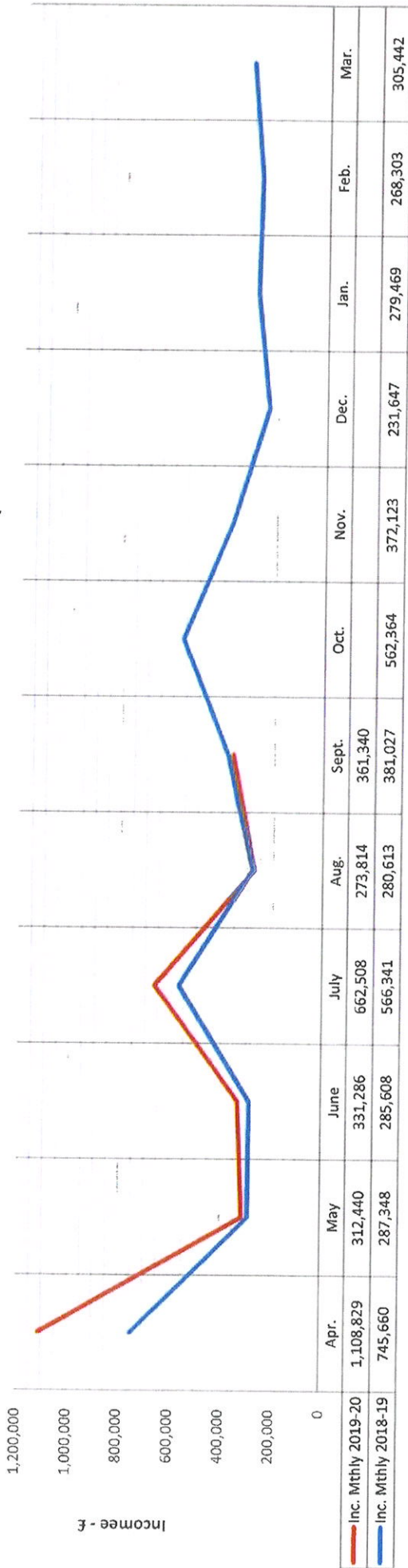
Town rates	£ -	£ 2,188,251	(£2,188,251)	£ 23,000	£ 2,819,024	(£2,796,024)
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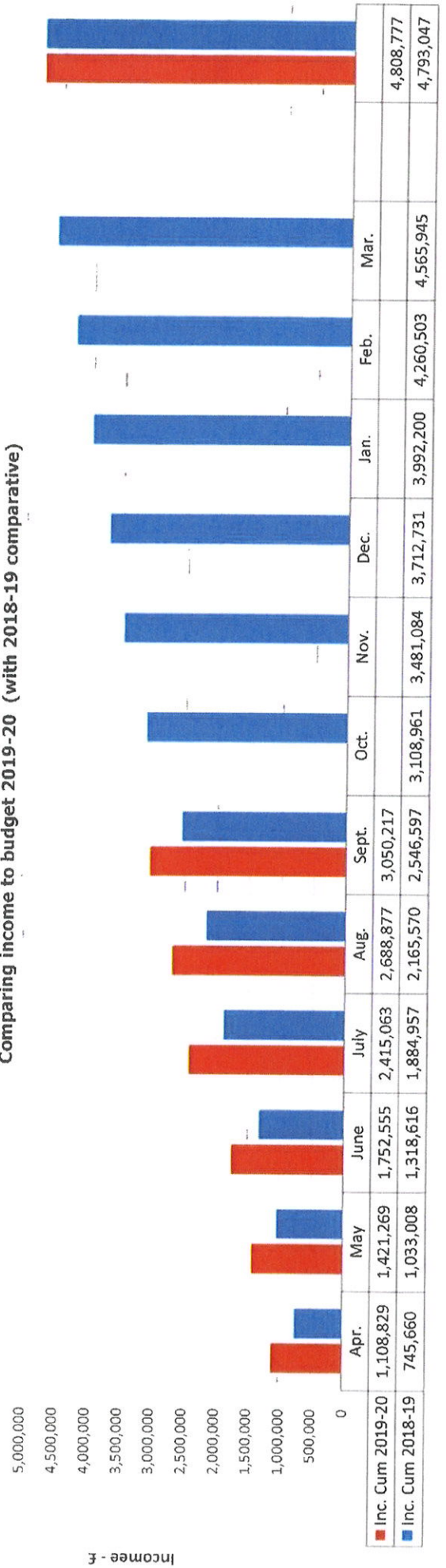
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2019-20 & 2018-19 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Comparing income to budget 2019-20 (with 2018-19 comparative)

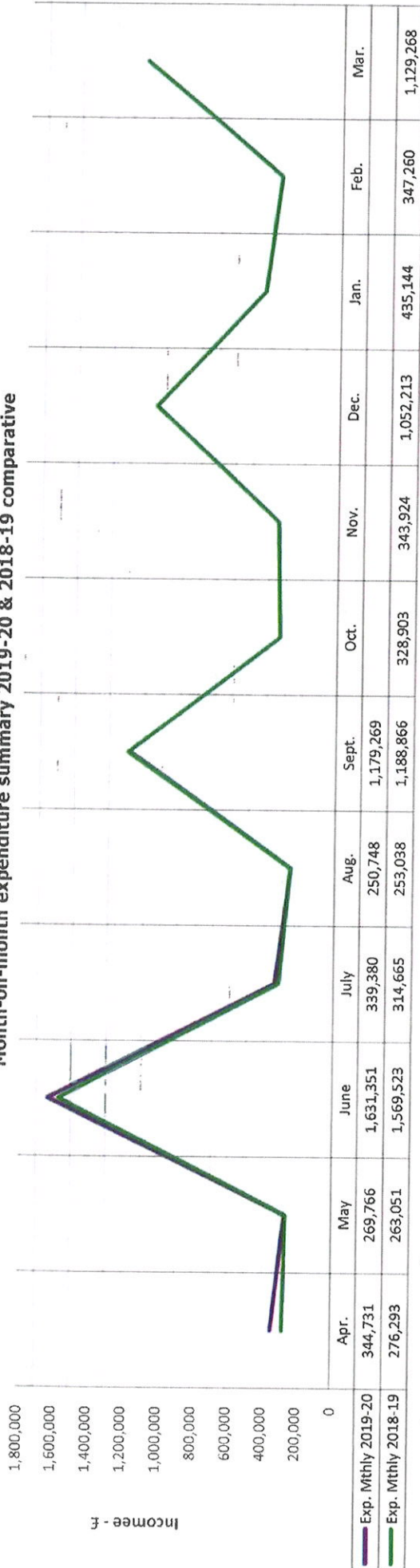


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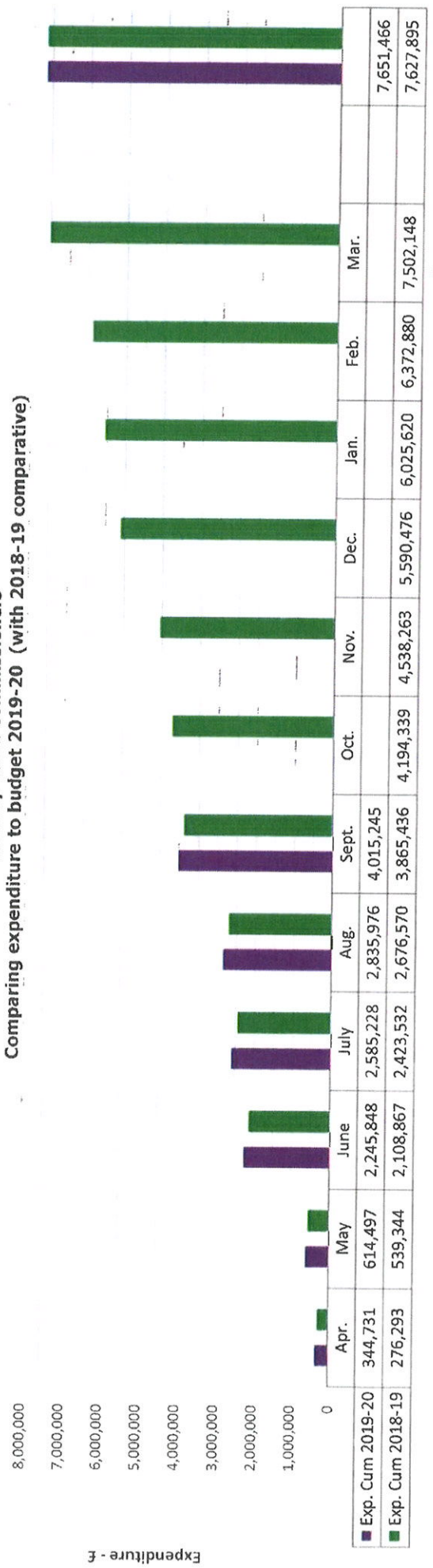
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Month-on-month expenditure summary 2019-20 & 2018-19 comparative



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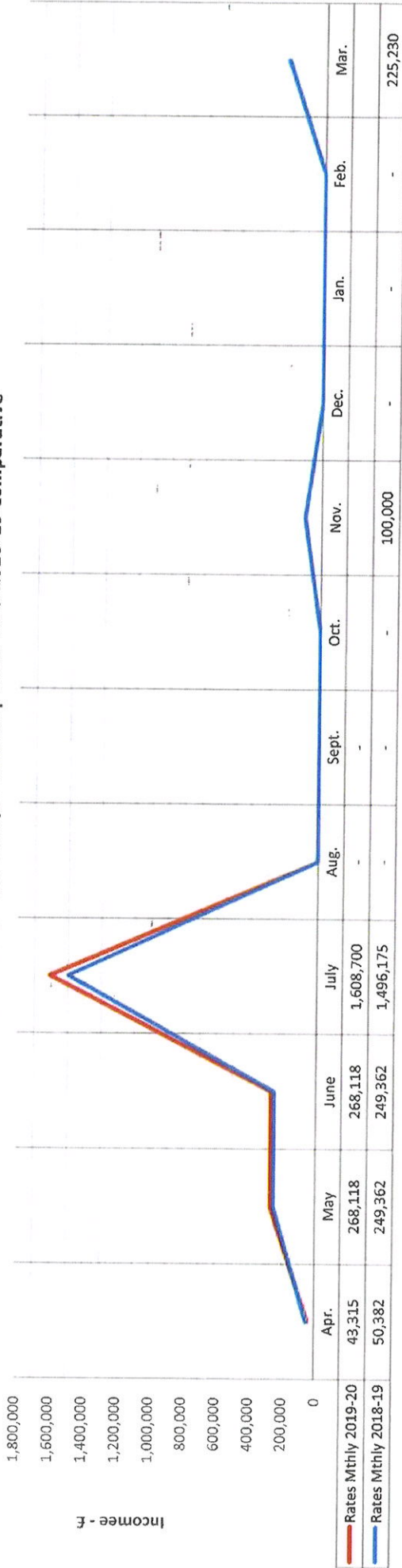


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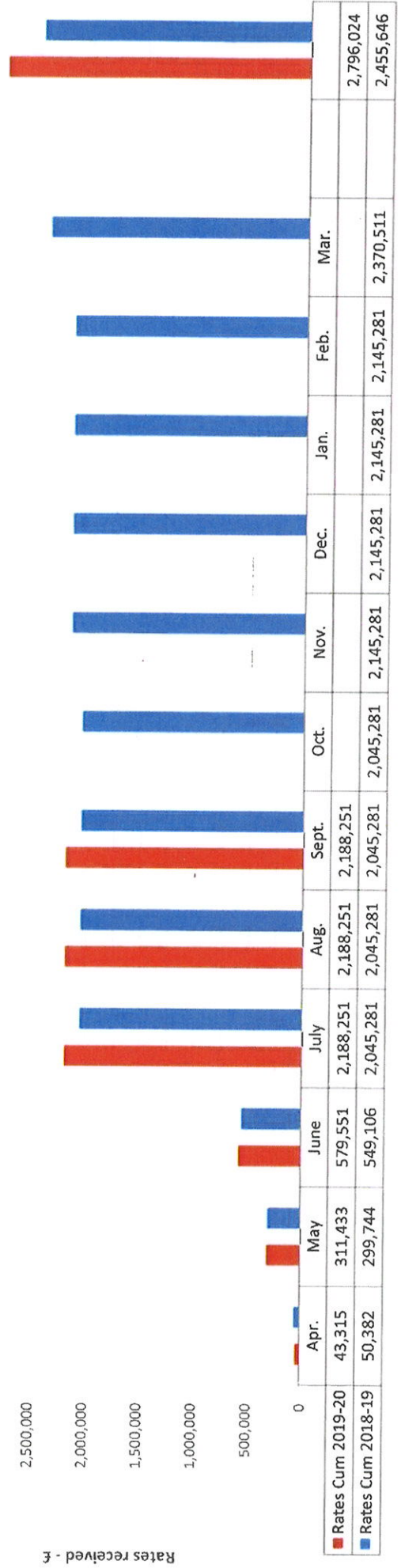
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2019-20 & 2018-19 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Town rates received 2019-20 (with 2018-19 comparative)



APPENDIX 3.

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Statement of Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2019

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 March 2019

	2018-19 Gross expenditure £	2018-19 Gross income £	2018-19 Net expenditure £	2017-18 Net expenditure £
Continuing operations:				
Finance and general purposes	(984,169)	78,378	(905,791)	(877,766)
Miscellaneous	(54,547)	20,573	(33,974)	(10,321)
Property	(315,044)	251,241	(63,803)	(84,751)
Works and Development	(1,469,196)	547,703	(921,493)	(827,386)
Parks and Leisure	(599,729)	95,018	(504,711)	(497,776)
Net pension current service cost	(75,000)	0	(75,000)	(86,000)
Net cost of General Fund services	(3,497,685)	992,913	(2,504,772)	(2,384,000)
Housing Income & expenditure account	(2,245,661)	3,142,319	896,658	969,917
Housing Deficiency		1,154,351	1,154,351	1,114,129
Net income from housing services (Note 8)	(2,245,661)	4,296,670	2,051,009	2,084,046
Income from General Rate Fund (Note 7)			2,438,696	2,325,743
Interest payable and similar charges			(1,744,262)	(1,794,130)
Interest and investment income			0	0
Net pension interest cost			(86,000)	(89,000)
Surplus / (deficit) on disposal of fixed assets			(293,775)	0
(Deficit) / Surplus on provision of services			(139,104)	142,659
Other Comprehensive Income & Expenditure				
Surplus / deficit on revaluation of fixed assets			0	3,360,683
Re-measurement of net pension liability			333,000	210,000
Total comprehensive income & expenditure			193,896	3,713,342

The notes on pages 15 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
Tangible fixed assets					
Operational assets					
Dwellings	1		51,449,400		52,501,000
Other land & buildings	1		8,642,256		8,295,726
Vehicles, plant, furniture & equipment	1		437,324		508,340
Infrastructure assets	1		86,038		42,054
			60,615,018		61,347,120
Non-operational assets					
Assets under construction	1	233,020		259,338	
Investment properties	1	1,655,250		1,655,250	
			1,888,270		1,914,588
Intangible assets					
	2		6,432		3,872
Long term debtors					
	3		1,118,448		1,160,276
			63,628,168		64,425,856
Current assets					
Debtors & prepayments	3	617,205		401,812	
Cash at bank		581,749		1,324,190	
		1,198,954		1,726,002	
Current liabilities					
Other creditors & accruals	4	270,557		340,329	
Short-term borrowing	5	1,615,723		1,567,042	
Finance lease liability	6	49,379		49,375	
		1,935,659		1,956,746	
Net current (liabilities) / assets			(736,705)		(230,744)
Total assets less current liabilities					
			62,891,463		64,195,112
Long-term liabilities					
Other creditors	4	340,400		0	
Long-term borrowing	5	32,042,840		33,659,402	
Finance lease liability	6	15,034		64,417	
Pension liability	17	3,305,000		3,477,000	
			35,703,274		37,200,819
Total assets less liabilities					
			27,188,189		26,994,293

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Balance Sheet – continued
As at 31 March 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Financed by:		
Revaluation reserve	10,595,500	10,469,884
Capital adjustment account	16,990,661	18,583,226
Usable capital receipts reserve	10,007	10,007
Pension reserve	(3,305,000)	(3,477,000)
Heating reserve	(6,642)	(1,665)
General fund	2,781,860	1,126,201
Housing repairs account	105,548	255,480
Northern Civic Amenity reserve	16,255	28,160
	27,188,189	26,994,293

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Authority on
and were signed on their behalf by:

2019

Chairman

Responsible Finance Officer

The notes on pages 15 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Notes to the financial statements - continued

Forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

7. General Rate Account

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
General rates levied for the year		2,548,035		2,428,589
Add:				
Due from Treasury re: prior year	50,382		90,122	
Arrears brought forward	128,007		134,815	
		178,389		224,937
Less:				
Discounts	(53,017)		(58,147)	
Exempt and unoccupied properties	(56,322)		(46,602)	
Collection charge	(24,479)		(23,681)	
		(133,818)		(128,430)
Total rates collectable		2,592,606		2,525,096
Rates received in the year				
Current year rates	2,283,102		2,189,052	
Arrears collected	37,027		43,055	
Balance from Treasury re: previous year	50,382		90,122	
Rates surfeit	30,569		24,478	
Total rates received in the year		2,401,080		2,346,707
Balances outstanding carried forward:				
Due from Treasury re current year	43,315		50,382	
Arrears current year	57,342		40,884	
Arrears previous years	90,869		87,123	
		191,526		178,389
		2,592,606		2,525,096
General rates levied for the year		2,548,035		2,428,589
Less :				
Discounts	(53,017)		(58,147)	
Exempt and unoccupied properties	(56,322)		(46,602)	
		(109,339)		(104,749)
Add : interest		0		1,903
Per Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement		2,438,696		2,325,743

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Notes to the financial statements - continued

Forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

8. Housing Income and Expenditure Account

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Dwelling rents		2,656,718		2,605,413
Housing Deficiency		1,154,351		1,114,129
Other income		485,601		476,045
Total income		4,296,670		4,195,587
Expenditure:				
Repairs & maintenance	763,412		672,288	
Supervision & management	149,047		144,417	
Rent, rates, taxes & other charges	455,032		451,567	
Provision for doubtful debts	6,218		0	
Depreciation	841,383		818,791	
Rates surfeit	30,569		24,478	
		(2,245,661)		(2,111,541)
Net income from Housing Revenue services		2,051,009		2,084,046

Dwelling rent income

Dwelling rent income is the total rent due for the year after voids, write-offs, refunds, etc. Voids of £87,709 represent 3.30% of the rental debit for the year (2018 : £60,861 or 2.33%).

a. Rent arrears

	2019	2018
	£	£
Rent arrears	44,919	49,078
Rent arrears as a percentage of gross rental income	1.69%	1.88%

Arrears written off during the year amounted to £Nil (2018 : £Nil). A provision of £15,100 (2018 : £8,882) has been made against doubtful rent debtors.

b. Housing deficiency grant

Housing deficiency grant is paid from central government to meet the shortfall of housing income over housing expenditure incurred by the Authority. The amount of deficiency is calculated as follows :

	2019	2018
	£	£
Opening balance brought forward - (repayable)/receivable	(101,535)	(47,319)
Charges to Deficiency Grant	1,154,351	1,114,129
Payments received from Department of Infrastructure	(895,828)	(1,168,345)
Closing balance carried forward – receivable/(repayable)	156,988	(101,535)

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019

Office administration and general expenses

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Rate collection costs		24,479		23,681
Audit fees		12,404		11,743
Internal audit fees		8,750		4,250
Professional fees		0		8,000
Legal expenses		9,068		4,986
Election expenses		6,623		0
Insurance		11,249		10,841
Heat and light		18,378		23,263
Printing, stationery, telephone & rent		54,622		56,031
Caretaker's wages		21,138		16,701
Salaries		641,792		604,489
Pensions		160,864		153,354
Staff training		4,989		2,565
Business continuity plan		0		0
Fuel for vans		1,289		2,344
Depreciation		8,524		33,469
Doubtful debts		0		0
		984,169		955,717
Fixed penalties	3,806		8,873	
Administration fees	74,572		69,078	
		(78,378)		(77,951)
		905,791		877,766
Miscellaneous		2019		2018
	£	£	£	£
Advertising		3,907		6,058
Members' expenses		7,265		5,032
Chairman's expenses		442		1,697
Town Band		2,000		0
Municipal Sunday		0		1,377
War Memorial		2,025		1,157
Incidental		1,462		3,287
Town Warden		15,332		13,096
Bank charges		12,322		9,963
Amenity byelaw regulations		7,720		726
Ramsey Town centre management		2,072		2,566
		54,547		44,959
Incidental	173		15,071	
Flat regulation fees	1,000		600	
Search fees	19,400		18,967	
		(20,573)		(34,638)
		33,974		10,321

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Ramsey Town Commissioners

Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019

Housing and Property

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Housing				
Oil and electricity	73,470		69,293	
Restroom refurbishment	0		252	
Garage repairs	241		846	
		73,711		70,391
Heating charges	61,508		31,937	
Drying tokens	766		722	
Restroom hire	854		780	
Garage rents	1,304		1,356	
		(64,432)		(34,795)
		9,279		35,596
Workshops				
Maintenance and insurance	53,642		53,461	
Area rent	(3,000)		(9,000)	
		50,642		44,461
Town Hall				
Maintenance and insurance	42,790		52,567	
Depreciation	57,200		52,000	
Rental & hire income	(24,862)		(23,462)	
Registry office income	(9,900)		(12,402)	
		65,228		68,703
Public Conveniences				
Contract cleaners	22,000		22,390	
Maintenance and insurance	28,189		36,576	
Cleaning materials	2,401		3,081	
Depreciation	10,640		18,361	
		63,230		80,408
Ramsey Courthouse				
Maintenance, heat, light & insurance		24,471		0
Housing Revenue Account				
Administration charge		(149,047)		(144,417)
		63,803		84,751

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Ramsey Town Commissioners

Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019

Works and Development

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Amenities and services				
Foreshore, flags and deckchairs		1,437		3,196
Car Parks				
Operational costs	8,034		9,201	
Depreciation	0		2,300	
	8,034		11,501	
Car parking spaces income	(15,806)		(15,432)	
		(7,772)		(3,931)
Refuse				
Wages	233,093		214,178	
Operational costs	595,686		567,328	
Leasing costs	0		323	
Depreciation	63,999		51,956	
	892,778		833,785	
Collection charges	(121,179)		(127,659)	
Sale of bins	(461)		0	
		771,138		706,126
Sewers and Pumps				
Government refund re sewer connections		(64,796)		(66,812)
Civic Amenity Site				
Operational costs	31,289		22,618	
Labour costs	100,319		104,343	
Waste haulage and disposal	213,933		174,214	
Rent and rates	9,256		4,064	
Depreciation	2,569		2,413	
	357,366		307,652	
Parish contributions	(300,000)		(300,000)	
Recycling and scrap income	(45,461)		(35,812)	
		11,905		(28,160)
Miscellaneous				
Seats, promenade shelters, street nameplates & town clock maintenance	10,236		13,788	
Street and decorative lighting maintenance	69,051		79,925	
CC TV town area	8,616		3,914	
Local services	67,682		78,717	
Property repairs private sector	1,044		3,487	
Depreciation	52,952		37,136	
		209,581		216,967
		921,493		827,386

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Ramsey Town Commissioners

Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019

Parks and Leisure

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Advertising and entertainment				
Publicity	193		840	
Seasonal entertaining and attractions	40,913		38,063	
Ramsey In Bloom	10,483		11,183	
	51,589		50,086	
Camper van permit income	(3,114)		(2,995)	
Advertising income	(200)		(287)	
		48,275		46,804
Amenities and Services				
Mooragh Park amusements maintenance		7,329		6,583
Mooragh Park Gardens and Land				
Wages - as restated	166,751		167,137	
Maintenance	68,285		90,069	
Skate Park	767		903	
Depreciation	26,231		22,515	
	262,034		280,624	
Area rents	(602)		(127)	
		261,432		280,497
Trading Concessions				
Rates, insurance and licences	5,854		5,418	
Courts and greens maintenance	15,981		25,854	
Maintenance of buildings	41,547		18,812	
Depreciation	12,070		8,723	
	75,452		58,807	
Rent & rates	(51,814)		(51,191)	
		23,638		7,616
Swimming Pool				
Rate contribution		16,443		16,390
Maintenance of Properties		8,419		5,333
Ramsey & Northern Districts Housing Committee				
Wages etc.	30,315		12,364	
Income	(28,558)		(14,126)	
		1,757		(1,762)
Parks and Leisure carried forward		367,293		361,461

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Ramsey Town Commissioners

Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019

Parks and Leisure - continued

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Parks and Leisure brought forward		367,293		361,461
Library				
Salaries - as restated	95,763		94,434	
Repairs and maintenance	18,483		16,745	
Depreciation	33,902		35,567	
	148,148		146,746	
Library fee income	(10,730)		(10,431)	
		137,418		136,315
		504,711		497,776

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
POSTAL ADDRESS NEW DEVELOPMENT
OCTOBER 2019 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received correspondence from a developer, Libran Limited, seeking agreement to the naming of a new development at Bride Road, Ramsey.

The request relates to two new houses being built on the site of former property Eastfield, Bride Road, Ramsey. The developer has requested that the following is approved as the postal addresses:

- 1 Eastfield Gardens, Bride Road, Ramsey IM8 3UL
- 2 Eastfield Gardens, Bride Road, Ramsey IM8 3UL

The post code for the properties will require to be approved by IOM Post.

The criteria for road naming is guided by GeoPlace Data Entry Conventions and Best Practice for Addresses an extract from which in relation to names and property numbers is appended for Members information. In this instance the proposed naming meets with the requirement of that convention.

Recommendation: to approve the request.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

12th October, 2019.

4.3 Best Practice

4.3.1 Street Naming

4.3.1.1 An Street Naming and Numbering [SNN] Authority must not create a Street Name similar to or the same as one which already exists if any of the following conditions apply to the Street Name:

- It is in use in the same locality.
- It is in use in the same town.
- It is in use in the same post town.
- It is in use in the same town or post town within a neighbouring SNN Authority's administrative area.

The purpose of this is to avoid confusion, for example, resultant Street Names could be identical in every way including post town.

4.3.1.2 Checks must be made to ascertain if any of the above conditions apply. Consideration must be given to the identification of properties on the new Street Name for the purposes of other service delivery users and in particular, the emergency services to ensure there is no ambiguity when the new Street Name is added to the existing Street Records.

4.3.1.3 Streets in close proximity should not be assigned the same name with a different suffix, for example "Birch Road", "Birch Avenue", "Birch Park" and "Birch Crescent".

4.3.2 Property Numbering

4.3.2.1 The SNN Authority must number all new property developments regardless of development type. The exception to this rule is if new properties require names or numbers on an existing Street Name where no numbering exists. The SNN Authority should consider creating a numbering scheme if it causes no problems for existing property owners.

4.3.2.2 Street Names should be numbered so that when travelling away from the centre of a town odd numbers are on the left hand side and even numbers on the right unless an established local convention is different.

4.3.2.3 Street Names should be numbered ascending from the most important Street from which they lead.

4.3.2.4 Infill development on an existing numbered Street Name should include any required suffix to property numbers if no consecutive number is available in the current numbering scheme or if more numbers are required than numbers are available. The SNN Authority should also consider creating an additional Street Name.

4.3.2.5 In certain cases it is more appropriate to number properties sequentially, for example cul-de-sacs.

4.3.2.6 Merged properties must adopt a previous Addressable Object as their identifier if property numbers are used. Therefore, the merging of two properties at “4 High Street” and “6 High Street” results in a new Record which includes the number “4” or “6”. For example the new Addressable Object Record is “4 High Street”, “6 High Street” or “4 to 6 High Street”. Previous Addressable Object Records for “4” and “6 High Street” should be flagged as historical Records within the LLPG. Similarly, the merging of three properties at “2”, “4” and “6 High Street” result in a new Addressable Object Record which includes the number “2” or “4” or “6”.

4.3.2.7 Sub-divisions of property should always be numbered rather than described or lettered therefore “Flat 1” should be used rather than “First Floor Flat” or “Flat A”.

4.3.2.8 Conversion of a house to flats with a common entrance should result in the creation of Child Records referenced to a Parent property rather than the creation of suffixed numbers, for example, “Flat 1 36” not “36A”.

4.3.2.9 All properties must be numbered and / or named onto the Street Name which provides direct access to the property, which is generally the Street that the front door of the property faces. All other accesses must be retained as recognised Alternative LPI Records for the property, associated with the same UPRN.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SEA & FLOOD DEFENCES
OCTOBER 2019 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The attached images of Queen's Promenade, Ramsey were captured during the high tide event on 1st October 2019, during this event the Queen's Promenade was closed to traffic.

The period over the night and morning of 30th September and 1st October saw exceptional heavy rain across the Island with considerable damage being incurred in Laxey where the river wall had been breached. In Ramsey flooding occurred along the Quayside during the overnight high tide, roads were also flooded at Auldyn Walk, again with the river breaching its bank, and at the bottom of Cloughbane Drive. During the day of 1st October the Leighany Stream was seen to be full within the section leading to Parliament Square even outside the period of high tide.

Instances of coastal overtopping appear to be on the increase and the question of sea defences, flooding and coastal erosion has been the subject of Tynwald debate in recent years.

National Strategy on Sea Defences

On the 20th July, 2016, the Isle of Man National Strategy on Sea Defences, Flooding and Coastal Erosion [GD No. 2016/0044] was received and approved by Tynwald Court and the associated Evidence Report noted as an essential source of information and guidance in respect to ensuring the ongoing resilience of Island communities and economy to weather and climate related damage.

The Strategy states that Government is to deliver the following objectives:

- Raise community awareness to flood and coastal erosion risks and engage relevant stakeholders in effective and appropriate adaptation to these events and risks;
- Manage and reduce the impacts of flooding and coastal erosion on communities, infrastructure and the environment; and
- Prioritise investment to balance the urgency and impact of the risks identified.

The Strategy states that Department of Environment Food and Agriculture is responsible for Coastal erosion, catchment & landscape management and DOI is responsible for Highway drainage and associated cross-drainage structures (e.g. bridges and culverts), Properties, Critical Infrastructure and associated drainage.

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The strategy is intended to be delivered by a number of measures including developing an action plan for public consultation (the key actions being ongoing monitoring, community resilience and awareness-raising, further studies and investigations and potential schemes) and states that a work group will be set up from various Government Departments and Manx Utilities to manage the development and implementation of the plan.

The link included in the Tynwald Papers was www.gov.im/seadefences (this links to a web page containing the strategy as presented to Tynwald, the JBA Final Report and the Evidence Report).

See: <https://www.gov.im/media/1352048/national-strategy-on-sea-defences-flooding-and-coastal-erosion.pdf>

At the present time it is understood that a formal action plan, informed by public consultation, has not been produced and published. However, a cross-Departmental officer working group has been formed which is chaired by the DOI Director of Highways and it is noted that the evidence base which underpinned the strategy laid before Tynwald includes potential priority areas and that an earlier study had been produced in 2014 setting out options for various works.

The Programme for Government for the current administration contains a Policy Statement that Government will

"Continue to invest in sea defences and in reducing flooding and coastal erosion risks for those areas identified as high risk in our national strategy".

National Strategy Evidence Report

The National Strategy Evidence Report identified a number of risk factors (Property Damage, Critical Asset, Infrastructure and Environmental Designation) the results were presented in relation to the four different sets of receptors and for a combination of risks (coastal, fluvial and surface water flooding and coastal erosion).

The Critical Asset Assessment map which provided an overview of the combined sum of critical assets predicted at risk from flood and coastal erosion per 1 km grid square across the Isle of Man. The combined sum of critical assets represents a combined count of assets predicted at risk from the 1% AEP event (1 in 100 year) for fluvial and/or surface water flooding, 0.5% AEP event (1 in 200 year coastal flooding) and the 100 year coastal erosion contour. Therefore a count of four may represent a single critical asset predicted at risk from all four investigated sources.

Critical assets represent key public services, building infrastructure and heritage assets. Scoring is based on the count per square. 79 grid squares contain critical assets that are at flood or coastal erosion risk, or both. The greatest number of critical assets within one grid square is 23 in Ramsey, whilst many squares show a count of just one.

Combined Ranking Assessment

This map provides an overview of the predicted flood and coastal erosion risk hotspots for all receptors (property, environment, road and rail infrastructure and critical assets) across the Isle of Man. Predicted flood risk to each receptor from coastal still water, fluvial and surface water flooding as well as coastal erosion have been estimated for 1km grid squares spanning the Island. The predicted risks to each receptor have been combined ensuring that each receptor category is represented as equally as possible. The resulting combined scores have been ranked in order from highest overall predicted risk (1) to lowest overall predicted risk to help signpost areas at greatest risk. The top 100 grid squares ranks are labelled; grid squares that are not shaded do not contain a receptor at risk from the sources investigated as part of this study. The square with the highest combined risk is in Ramsey (1), whilst the square with the lowest combined risk is in Sulby (100).

The appended table is extracted from the JBA Evidence Report and shows the risk ranking (1) and score for Ramsey in comparison the second and third ranked areas of Douglas Bay and the Glass, Douglas, Dhoo, Middle River Confluence. The risk table quotes that Ramsey is the

“Highest risk location from all sources of flooding requiring attention; includes the grid square at highest combined risk across the Island. Also highly sensitive to climate change impacts in the future.”

It also recommends

“Review schemes already planned by DoI and Manx Utilities and consider potential to bring forward schemes to address high level of risk e.g. Manx Utilities Litney [Leighany] Stream and DoI Ramsey Harbour. Factors for Ramsey are significantly higher both at the time of the report and in 2060, and are ranked as highest across the whole island.”

Members may wish to discuss further with the Department of Infrastructure, the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture, and Manx Utilities their plans in respect of addressing the risks to Ramsey from coastal and fluvial flooding. Dialogue may be possible with the aforementioned cross-departmental working group.

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October, 2019 - Public Continued

Recommendation: to seek an update from the Department as to progress in regard to sea and flood defences.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

8th October, 2019.

Table 5-2: Summary Action Area Analysis

Action Area	Current Risk		Future Risk (2060s)		Revised (JBA)		Assessment of Risk	Recommendation
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Now	2060s		
J2: East and Coastal Ramsey	1	202	1	404	H	H	Highest risk location from all sources of flooding requiring attention; includes the grid square at highest combined risk across the Island. Also highly sensitive to climate change impacts in the future.	Review schemes already planned by Dol and Manx Utilities and consider potential to bring forward schemes to address high level of risk e.g. Manx Utilities Litney Stream and Dol Ramsey Harbour.
A3: Douglas Bay	2	123	2	246	M	H	Douglas Bay is at risk of wave overtopping and still water level flood risk; it also has a history of tidal flooding. Many areas identified as being at risk of surface water flooding and the area is very sensitive to future climate change impacts.	Confirm the wave overtopping risk to properties and assets and identify if any specific areas need to be made aware of potential flood risk or provided with property level protection (e.g. flood doors, airbrick covers) to increase resilience to flooding.
A1: Glass, Douglas, Dhoo, Middle River Confluence	3	99	3	197	H	H	There is a known and frequent history of flooding and the combined scoring puts this area as one of the highest risk meaning there is a need to reduce risk now. The area is also highly sensitive to future climate change impacts.	Flood risk management schemes are potentially required in three locations although a combined scheme may be possible. A study is required to better understand flood risk mechanisms and potential impacts and identify the most cost beneficial options. Manx Utilities is commissioning a study of the Douglas River (all tributaries) catchment to identify possible solutions.

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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT PLANNING APPLICATIONS – OCTOBER, 2019</p>

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following applications have been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The applications are listed for consideration subject to comments where appended.

REF NO: 3703 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: 19/00865/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. T. Wadeson
PROPOSED: Alterations, extension to existing conservatory and erection of a two storey extension to house a lift shaft
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **13, Queens Valley, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3708
P.A. NO.: 19/01001/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. G. Webb
PROPOSED: Alterations, erection of single storey rear extension, front and rear dormers
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **16, Cloughbane Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3709
P.A. NO.: 19/01003/B
APPLICANT: Robert Cowell Esq.
PROPOSED: Garden room extension, conversion of existing integral garage to form bedroom/bathroom, erection of detached garage and alterations to existing drive access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **The Elms, 3, The Crescent West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3710
P.A. NO.: 19/01004/C
APPLICANT: Mr. A. Dudgeon
PROPOSED: Additional use of flat as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **9, Carlton Grove, Queen's Drive West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3711
P.A. NO.: 19/01023/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. Billington
PROPOSED: Erection of detached dwelling with garage and associated access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **69, Cloughbane Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3712
P.A. NO.: 19/01030/B
APPLICANT: Mrs. M. Corlett
PROPOSED: Single storey extension at rear of property to create additional living accommodation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **9, Loch Villas, Gibson Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3713
P.A. NO.: 19/01047/C
APPLICANT: James Matthew Sowrey
PROPOSED: Change of use from storage unit to gym
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **The Old Dairy, Approach Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3714
P.A. NO.: 19/01060/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. D. Duggan
PROPOSED: Replacement of garage door with a doorway and extension of driveway
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **23, Cooil Breryk, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3715
P.A. NO.: 19/01069/B
APPLICANT: Bravo Homes Limited
PROPOSED: Erection of a building to provide ground floor retail (Class 1) and first and second floor offices (Class 4)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Market Hill Plot, College Street, Ramsey**

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REF NO: 3716
P.A. NO.: 19/01070/B
APPLICANT: Mr. I. Craine
PROPOSED: Alterations, installation of replacement windows and replacement of two ground floor windows with timber double doors
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **10, Water Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3717
P.A. NO.: 19/01078/B
APPLICANT: Mr. A. Fergusson
PROPOSED: Erection of replacement garage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Garage 3, Off Premier Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace
Technical Services Manager

10th October, 2019.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
BALLADOOLE ODOUR CONTROL
OCTOBER, 2019 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Balladoole Sewage Treatment Works adjoins the boundary of the Northern Civic Amenity Site. Since its commissioning there has been an ongoing problem with odour control.

In August the MUA implemented a mobile odour control unit for the tanker that visits site which has seen a reduction in the odour experienced on site.

While we have been working closely with the personnel on site at Balladoole, the message about the odours does not appear to have been reported up the chain, and at the last Board meeting the Technical Services Manager was requested to escalate the issue with the MUA.

The Technical Services Manager has been corresponding with Mr Tim Woakes, Head of Sewage who has reported the following:

Please accept our apologies for not having implemented a full solution yet to address the odour from the works. We undertook a procurement exercise for the retrofit of odour control equipment earlier this year, but unfortunately we did not feel that any of the tenders offered value for money. We are now working on an alternate procurement route and I am confident we will begin the installation later this year. We have however procured equipment to treat odorous gases produced from the tanker during the de-sludging process which I believe has provided some improvement.

The odours that are currently being noticed are likely due to a relatively long dry period in conjunction with warm temperatures and light winds. We would expect these odours to disappear once the weather returns to normal autumn/winter conditions, and it is our target to ensure the long term solution is in place for next spring at the very latest.

It would be useful to have the records from the civic amenity site if possible please. It will assist us in determining whether the equipment procured for the de-sludging exercise is effective.

Recommendation: For noting

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

23rd September, 2019.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC SECTOR RENT DEBT**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request for debate on the subject matter of Housing and Property Public Sector Rent Arrears.

The requestor references the Public meeting 18/9/19, agenda papers page 34, Housing Performance item 3A, and states:-

Opinions at the above public meeting indicated that the Housing and Property committee are doing a very good job. However I am concerned about, what appears to be, on-going rent arrears of over £40,000 for the first quarter of 2019/2020 with average figures for 2018/2019 of £48,696, this is a lot of money! I note that a 35% of tenants pay rent by cash. 50% of tenants pay by bankers order. 15% of tenants pay direct by DHSC. So, obviously, the arrears relate to the 35% payers of rent by cash. I feel sure that members of the general public, maybe also some members of the board, would appreciate it if this matter could [be] debated at some future public meeting and as such be later included on the RTC web site.

1. *How many tenants are there, overall?*
2. *Of the 35% of cash payers, how many are in arrears to arrive at £40,000+?*
3. *What system monitors those 35% cash paying tenants to deter falling into arrears?*
4. *How many weeks of non-payment of rent before tenant is chased up for payment?*
5. *What options do tenants have to pay off arrears?*
6. *What are existing options for recovery of arrears if tenant(s) have not co-operated?*
7. *Does the expense of legal advice deter any recovery action being taken?*
8. *To encourage, maybe insist that, vulnerable tenants pay rent by bankers order?*
9. *Maybe include direct debit as a clause when tenancy agreement is renewed after 5yrs?*
10. *£40,000+ rent arrears sends out a message that something seems not to be working?*

Recommendation: for discussion.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

24th September 2019.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
OCTOBER, 2019 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Report has been submitted by Mr. Cowie:-

“Isle of Man Municipal Association

The association secretary reported that Nigel Howard had indicated that he was unable to attend the meetings on a Thursday evening and asked if Mr Howard was able to continue.

A report on the climate change workshops was provided by Adrian Cowin which related a number of areas of inquiry including wind and wave power, energy security, improvements in housing stock, transport methods, plastic use and local produce. It was noted that the proposals should link with the biosphere and that there are opportunities to develop sustainable new jobs to replace any positions impacted by the strategy. It was important to ensure that any solutions were implemented with partnership working between business, local authorities, government and utilities. Proposals are to be submitted to the Tynwald in January 2020.

I raised the possibility of it working initiatives with other authorities. Some concern was expressed that similar initiatives in the past had been foiled by government policy but the association agreed to raise this as an agenda item at a future meeting. There were few representatives from other Northern authorities.

An update on the merger proposals from Arbory and Rushen was provided. The two authorities are to remain independent but utilise joint authority staff and resources and are enthusiastic on the possibilities for savings and efficiencies. The new deputy clerk Colin Kniveton was introduced.

The representative from Garff asked if they could be invited to attend the ntcl.

Members were advised to use the Report a problem tools to raise highways issues.

An enquiry was made on the number and makeup of the various local endowment committees and if there was a central register of such.

The proposed Pride festival planned for 13th June after TT 2020 was noted and details to be provided by Clare Bettison MHK at the February meeting.”

October, 2019.