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9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

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, **16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**, at **7.00 p.m.**

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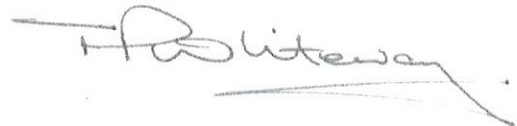
- Deputy Town Clerk's Report(s):
  - Events 2020

**9. Any other Business:**

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Matters Raised by the Public
  - ❖ None received
- Representative Report(s):
  - ❖ None received



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, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mesdames M. B. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' N. Howard, J McGuinness, G. Monk, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Messrs' Rev'd Canon N. D. Greenwood, W. L. Hankin and F. B. R. Williams.

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

### **(2019/20:226) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, and the Special Board Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

*20<sup>th</sup> November - Clause 199 - Appendix* - it was clarified that the site of the proposed works, adjacent to 41, Fairway Drive, was neither in the Town of Ramsey nor in a designated zone for residential development.

### **(2019/20:227) Matters Arising:**

Mr. Parker asked if a matter of the former Boxing Club, included within the private agenda, could be brought into public. The Chairman permitted such action as a result of which Mr. Parker referred to the demolition of the former Boxing Club at the junction of Station Road/Gladstone Avenue and in thanking the Shoprite Group for their actions which have greatly improved the site and he looked forward to seeing what can be done with the site.

Mr. Howard joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

### **Finance and General Purposes:**

#### **(2019/20:228) Town Clerk's Report - Consultation - Changes in Electoral System:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, with regard to the consultation being progressed by the Cabinet Office with regard to the Registration of Electors Bill 2020 and the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Bill 2020. The consultation document had been previously circulated to members.



**(2019/20:228) Town Clerk's Report - Consultation - Changes in Electoral System Continued:**

Mr. McGuinness felt the consultation only addressed issues that had arisen as a result of problems from the last Keys elections. The Chairman asked if members wished to submit individual responses or add comment to the recommendations presented in the report.

Mr. Parker advised that he had responded, in a personal capacity, but with some differing views from those presented.

Comments were made on the following sections within the consultation:-

2. Lifelong Registration of Voters	Mr. Cowie indicated his opposition Mr. Parker felt it would make administration and management of the Voters Lists easier.
9. Abolition of Edited Version of Electoral Register	Members were in agreement with this clause - but wished to be assured that full lists are not being made available for purchase to third parties.
13. "Government Employees" standing - prior resignation/retirement	Mr. Parker expressed his view that any Government employee should resign or retire before standing for election to a branch of Tynwald. It was pointed out that this would disenfranchise approximately 20% of the Islands workforce and may be contrary to human rights.
18. Removal of 42 days to fill casual vacancies	Mr. Parker was unhappy with the term "as soon as reasonably practicable" suggesting a clear date was needed. Mr. McGuinness agreed 42 days was very short and proposed that the Commission comment that casual vacancies should be filled "within 60 days". This was agreed.
25. Submission of declaration and return of donations and expenses	Mr. Parker queried if this was necessary for local authority elections unless something had arisen to cause query. Mr. Cowie suggested that the Commission's comment be that candidates submit declarations on request. This was proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 6 votes to 3, Mesdames Quayle and Wedgwood and Mr. Oldham voting against.
31. Advance Voting	Mr. McGuinness felt this did not go far enough - the opportunity to include electronic voting should be grasped.

**Resolved:** That following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed unanimously that the responses within the report as amended by the foregoing be conveyed to the Cabinet Office together with a covering letter concerning particularly the opportunity to progress electronic voting.



**(2019/20:229) Town Clerk's Report - Isle of Man Municipal Association:**

**Resolved:** To note the Town Clerk's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, detailing the dates upon which the Isle of Man Municipal Association will meet in 2020.

**(2019/20:230) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Children's Weight Management Consultation:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, with regard to the report issued by Public Health Isle of Man as a result of a consultation on Children's Weight Management Strategy. The report had been previously circulated to members.

**Resolved:** That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 7 votes to 2, no comment on the goals highlighted within the report be made. Messrs' Cowie and Parker voting against.

Members recognised the importance of this matter but felt that restricting advertising could affect events and promotion opportunities.

**(2019/20:231) Finance Officer General Report:**

**Resolved:** To note and approve the Finance Officer's General Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

**Works and Development:**

**(2019/20:232) Town Clerk's Report - Footpath Brookfield to Laurys Avenue:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning wish of the owner of land at Brookfield to realign the public footpath across the site.

**Resolved:** That, following a proposal by Mr. Oldham seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed, the Commission support the proposal and request provision for ducting and a pillar to accept an additional street light.

**(2019/20:233) Town Clerk's Report - Changes to Planning System:**

**Resolved:** To note the Town Clerk's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, advising of the dates upon which the Planning and Building Control Directorate will hold information sessions for local authorities with regard to changes to Planning Legislation.

It was noted that a meeting in Ramsey Town Hall will be held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

**(2019/20:234) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:**

Resolved: That the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December November, 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:-

REF NO: 3726  
P.A. NO.: 19/01261/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. D. Brook  
PROPOSED: Alterations and erection of two storey extension, detached garage and boundary wall  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Thie Corneil, Brookfield Crescent, Ramsey.**

It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Parker that an observation be made that the proposal is within a flood area. The proposal was defeated by 5 votes to 4 - Messrs' Cowie, Howard, Monk and Parker voting for.

REF NO: 3727  
P.A. NO.: 19/01277/B  
APPLICANT: Elliott Construction Limited  
PROPOSED: Conversion of boarding house to provide five self-contained apartments  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **19, Waterloo Road, Ramsey.**

Members queried parking provision and were advised that it is considered adequate.

REF NO: 3730  
P.A. NO.: 19/01342/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. C. Whipp  
PROPOSED: Creation of two apartments (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Sea View, Flats 1 & 2, Rear of Queen's Promenade, Ramsey.**

This application was brought to members' attention in view of it being retrospective. It was agreed to make no comment thereon.

**Appendix**

Members welcomed the approval by the Planning Committee of development on the site adjacent to Hanley Court North Shore Road.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2019/20:235) Housing and Property Manager - Housing Performance and Statistics 2019/20:**

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, to which was appended the Housing and Performance Statistics to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, subject to the following:-

*Section 4 Capital Projects* - in response to an enquiry the Housing and Property Manager confirmed that the request to the Department to allow "in-house" works on the installation of Air Sourced Heat Pumps at Close Caarjys is being progressed.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2019/20:236) Town Clerk Report - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, advising of the wishes of the Cabinet Office to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and asking if local authorities have any plans or are aware of any events being arranged.

Resolved: To inform Cabinet Office that the Commission is supportive of holding events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

Members felt that a street party in the vicinity of the Courthouse might be appropriate. The Deputy Town Clerk undertook to email members with suggested events.

Mr. Oldham advised that the Royal British Legion, Ramsey Branch, may be able to offer logistical support and informed members of his understanding that some Government grant may be available for such events.

**(2019/20:237) Deputy Town Clerk Report - Christmas Events:**

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, advising of Christmas events yet to take place in 2019.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2019/20:238) Matter raised by Public:**

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no matter were raised by members of the public for consideration.



**(2019/20:239) Sundry Matters:**

239i THOR - the Chairman advised that he wished to issue a correction/apology to THOR in view of a previous reference to their using the Courthouse Grounds;

239ii THOR - the Chairman advised that Mr. Hankin had referred to the wish expressed to receive an update from THOR with regard to the Courthouse. It was agreed that they be invited to attend one of the forthcoming budget meetings.

239iii Royal British Legion Ramsey Branch Poppy Appeal - Mr. Oldham referred to the 2019 Poppy Appeal and informed members that £19,160 had been raised by Ramsey Branch and £836 raised at the Poppy Shop held at the Town Hall.

The Chairman thanked the media representative and public for attending and closed the public session at 7.47 p.m. and took the opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

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.

**(2019/20:240) Minutes:**

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November or the Special Board Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, were recorded in private.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2019/20:241) Housing Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the Housing Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019, subject to the following:-

**Clause 71d** - Members queried whether joint income and thereby qualification for local authority housing would be considered immediately and were advised that this was done at the expiry of a five year fixed tenancy. In cases where there was a permanent tenancy still existing change of circumstances enabled a 5 year tenancy to be entered into with subsequent review.

**Clause 75a** - it was noted that the tenant has moved to a smaller property but extensive works are now required to that vacated which will be done in-house unless found to be of a specialist nature.

**Clause 75b** - members were informed that there is no legal route by which to progress Notice for Possession and that rent arrears are being paid, albeit slowly.

Mr. McGuinness queried problems with regard to a specific tenant and was informed that no recent complaints had been received.

**(2019/20:242) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 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:-

- *Adoption of Land Traie Twoie* - it was noted that the area of land now available for adoption did not include that proposed to be used in future as 4 car parking spaces. It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed that the land be adopted subject to the area being properly delineated and maintained by the developer.
- *Vollan / Balladoole Odours* - it was agreed to seek a timeline from MUA towards the end of January, 2020.
- *Old Boxing Club...* - it was agreed this matter be removed from the “Action Tracker” list.

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

Whilst not on the list attention was drawn to the concerns being expressed about the Victoria Mall; 19, West Quay and 67, Parliament Street.

**Finance and General Purposes Committee:**

**(2019/20:243) Finance Officer’s Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, subject to the following:-

**Works and Development:**

**(2019/20:244) Town Clerk’s Report - Bleak House:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning Bleak House, advising of the current status of on-going legal proceedings between various parties and that a report will be submitted, if possible in Public to the January, 2020, meeting of the Commission.



**(2019/20:245) Town Clerk's Report - Flood Protection Ramsey Quayside:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning proposals for flood protection and redevelopment of the Ramsey Quayside presented to an inquorate meeting of the Commission held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

The Chairman put aspects of the draft scheme to the Board as follows:-

- That the Commission were concerned at a loss of parking, resolved by 5 votes to 4 that concern about the potential loss of car park spaces existed. Mesdames M. B. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' N. Howard, and G. Monk voting against.
- That the Commission supported the proposed seating/recreation area, resolved by 5 votes to 4 that this feature was supported. Mrs Quayle and Messrs McGuinness, Oldham and Young voting against.
- That the Commission would support the proposed treatment for the flood prevention wall between East Quay and the Swing Bridge, resolved by 6 votes to 3, Messrs McGuinness, Oldham and Young voting against.
- That the Commission would support the proposed treatment for the flood prevention wall between the Swing Bridge and the Stone Bridge, resolved by 5 votes to 4, Mrs Quayle and Messrs McGuinness, Oldham and Young voting against.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed, the Department of Infrastructure be advised that the Commission:-

- Is unable to support the overall design proposals as presented due to concerns regarding the potential loss of parking;
- supported the proposed seating/recreation area, and flood wall treatments
- suggest installation of one-way return valves to drainage
- wish to maintain the working harbour
- wish the Department to present a scheme to the public and the Commission at the same time

Although not able to support the overall scheme as presented, members recognised and welcomed the wish to "tidy" the quayside area.

**(2019/20:246) Town Clerk's Report - Public Open Space the Vollan:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning the layout plan provided to members in November, for public open space at The Vollan.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed that the open space layout be approved and the Town Clerk be authorised to progress the required petition with regard to the acquisition for nominal consideration of the land.

The Town Clerk was instructed to ask if a barbeque area and ducting to allow low lighting could be incorporated into the scheme.



**(2019 /20:247) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Northern Parishes Refuse Collection:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning and enquiry made by the Northern Parishes Refuse Board. Members noted that further information from and a meeting with the Board had been requested.

Resolved: that following a proposal by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the Commission decline to respond at the present time but maintain an option for further discussions with the Refuse Board.

**(2019 /20:248) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Replacement Refuse Wagon:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning the on-going cost of repairs to the oldest of the Commission’s refuse wagons and the need to consider its replacement.

Mr. McGuinness expressed concern at the lack of forward planning with regard to replacement of refuse wagons. Members queried the method and terms of funding and asked if leasing could be compared to a capital purchase. Members also queried if repairs could be undertaken locally.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and carried, the acquisition of a new refuse wagon be agreed in principle.

**(2019 /20:249) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Ruinous Notice “Auldyn House”:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning on-going complaints being received and the lack of response to communications with regard to the ruinous condition of Auldyn House.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie, and agreed that a formal Notice be issued under Section 24 of the Building Control Act 1991 and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign such Notice.

**(2019 /20:250) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Street Lighting Columns:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, concerning non-destructive testing required to street lighting columns, as initially reported to the Commission in October.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood and agreed, a three year testing programme be approved and costs for the first year of between £5,000 - £6,000 be accepted.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2019/20:251) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Shoprite Toilets:**

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning options available with regard to the public conveniences adjacent to the Shoprite store in Ramsey. Members were reminded that Shoprite own the premises and the Commission maintain and clean the public conveniences.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Young and agreed, that discussions be commenced with Shoprite with regard to the long-term lease of the building housing the public conveniences and the refurbishment of such conveniences.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2019 /20:252) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Gran Fondo 2020:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, advising of the request made by the organisers of Gran Fondo Isle of Man to again hold the event in the Mooragh Park on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2020; in addition to which logistic support and permission to investigate use of the Donkey Path is sought.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed, permission is granted and logistical support provided.

**(2019 /20:253) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Northern Lantern Festival, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning the request made by Mr. Bill Dale, founder of Beach Buddies to organise a Lantern Festival, in conjunction with Breast Cancer Now Isle of Man, in the Mooragh Park on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, between 5.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood and agreed, permission is granted and logistical support provided.

**(2019 /20:254) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Pokerstars Rally 2020:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, concerning advance notice given of the Pokerstars Rally 2020, and the proposal to hold a town centre stage in Ramsey on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020, which would require road closure of the Market Place, sections of West Quay, the Swing Bridge and some roads to the north thereof, including the Mooragh Promenade.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed, the Commission support the staging of the event and the associated road closures, subject to the organisers undertaking the required consultations.



**Any Other Business:**

**(2019/20:255) Housing and Property Manager's Report - 53, Cronk Elfin - Property Fire:**

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, advising of quotations received and agreed by the loss adjustor with regard to repairs required following the fire at 53, Cronk Elfin in January, 2019.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed to formalise the appointment of the contractor to undertake the insurance works to 53, Cronk Elfin.

**(2019/20:256) Deputy Town Clerk Report - Mooragh Concessions:**

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, advising of the current state of negotiations with regard to concessions at the Mooragh Park.

It is noted that both parties have expressed the wish to enter into a 7 years lease and that further negotiations are on-going and about which the Deputy Town Clerk will report further.

**(2019/20:257) Fynoderee - Proposed Planning Application:**

The Town Clerk verbally reported receipt of a communication from Fynoderee Distillery with regard to a proposed planning application, for change of use, seeking the Commission's support thereof.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood and agreed, without reference to the future planning submission, the Company be informed that the Commission welcome their intention to develop premises in Ramsey which will include visitors' facilities.

**Matters of Establishment:**

**(2019/20:258) Minutes - Meetings of the Establishment Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of Meetings of the Establishment Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, and 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 (tabled), subject to the following:

Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> December - Mr. Parker referred to discussions that mental health awareness training might be made available to other authorities and that reference had been made to "Simply Personnel" and Library Services not recorded.

The meeting closed at 9.52 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
JANUARY, 2020.**

Fellow Members,

**Christmas in Ramsey**

In wishing everyone a Happy New Year I would also like to congratulate and thank the many people in the community who organised festive entertainment or events during the Christmas and New Year period and who continue to contribute to the community of Ramsey in so many ways.

I was particularly pleased to attend the Rotary Community Carol Service held for the first time this year at St Pauls Church, and to visit residents of the towns Residential Homes and patients residing at the Cottage Hospital over the Christmas period..

**Meet and Greet:**

The opportunity is taken to give a reminder about the Meet and Greet to be held at Ramsey Courthouse on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

It is hoped that members of the public will drop in to discuss with members of the Commission any matters of interest or concern they may have in relation the town and the services provided by the local authority.

Residents who may have an interest in local politics may also wish to take the opportunity to discuss the duties and responsibilities of Commissioners with their existing elected representative, particularly if they are considering putting themselves forward as a candidate in the forthcoming local authority general election which is due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> April this year.

**RNLI Chilly Dip**

I was very pleased to be able to join 190 hardy souls took part in the 2020 New Year's Day Chilly Dip organised by the Ramsey RNLI.

Attendance has grown year on year, and it is now established as an annual community event, and the Ramsey RNLI has established links with the recently re-formed Bunscoill Rhumsaa Parent Teachers Association with sponsorship proceeds being split between the Ramsey Branch of the RNLI and the PTA.

**Civic Service Malew Parish Commissioners**

An invitation has been received from Mr. Nigel Bazley, Chairman, and the members of the Board of Malew Parish Commissioners to attend the Annual Civic Service to be held at the Abbey Church, Ballasalla, on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, at 3.00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in Ballasalla Village Hall at the conclusion of the Service.

## Chairman's Report - January, 2020 Public Continued

### **Delivery of Local Services**

From Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, the Treasury Benefits' Office will operate from the main counter on the ground floor of the town hall, with opening hours the same as at present, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.15 a.m. and 1 p.m. and from 1.45 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

The move means people will be able to make a social security inquiry and find out about job vacancies in the same venue, as the Job Club operates from the town hall each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, to help job seekers with job searches, application forms and CV writing.

I would like to wish the venture every success and I am certain that this is a positive move in regard to working to provide services locally and in developing further the use of the Town Hall as a hub within the northern community.

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LOCAL AUTHORITY GENERAL ELECTIONS 2020  
JANUARY, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure has notified of the timetable for the 2020 local authority general elections.

Polling day for the elections will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020, with polling stations open between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The key dates leading up to the elections are as follows:-

Tuesday	17th March	Department publish Notice of Election in press (Examiner)
Wednesday	18th March	Local Authorities display election notices within district
Friday	20th March	Department publish Notice of Election in press (Courier)
Tuesday	31st March	(last date for delivery of nomination papers)
Wednesday	1st April	Delivery of withdrawal of candidature/making objections (2pm)
Tuesday	7th April	Last day for receipt of absent voter applications (off-IOM)
Tuesday	14th April	Last day for issue of Absent Voter ballot papers (off IOM) Last date for receipt of Absent Voter applications (on-IOM)
Wednesday	15th April	Last day for issue of absent voter ballot papers (On -IOM)
Thursday	23rd April	ELECTION – Polling Day – 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Polling Cards for the election will be issued after the last day for receipt of absent voters applications (14th April).

Nominations will be sought, and subject to the number of candidates nominated, elections will be held to fill the twelve seats on the Board of Ramsey Town Commissioners, six seats in North Ward and six seats in South Ward.

In order to be eligible for nomination a candidate must appear on a Register of Electors on the Island, it is not necessary for the candidate to be on the Register of Electors for the district or ward for which they are nominated, each nomination requires the signatures of a proposer and seconder and 8 assentors, all of whom must be persons on the same register of electors for the district for which the candidate seeks election or, in the case of a ward election, the register for the ward in question.



**Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority General Elections 2020**  
**January, 2020 - Public Continued:**

Following the election the newly appointed Members, once they have signed their declaration of acceptance of office, will serve a term of 4 years commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2020, the existing Board Members will, unless re-elected, go out of office on that date. Where any existing Members hold nominated appointments in other bodies (i.e. Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee., Swimming Pool Board, etc.) they would continue their appointed term if re-elected otherwise that appointment will require to be filled at the AGM).

The first meeting of the newly appointed Board will be the Annual General Meeting, Standing Orders provide that this should take place on such day in May and at such hour as the Board may fix.

Traditionally the AGM has been held on the first working day in May, subject to the Boards agreement therefore, it is proposed that the AGM would be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 commencing at 7:00 p.m. This provides sufficient opportunity for a briefing session(s) for the newly appointed Members to be held prior to the Annual General meeting taking place.

**Recommendation: to note the timetable for the general election and to fix the date for the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Ramsey Town Commissioners as 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 commencing at 7:00 p.m.**

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

7th January, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
REGISTER OF DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS  
JANUARY, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Local Government Act 1985 prohibits members from voting on matters within which they may have a personal interest, Members are required to disclose any interest at the meeting and are prohibited from taking part in any discussion or voting on that matter. An extract from the Act is appended for Members information.

The Act also requires local authorities to maintain a book of declarations of interest which should be open to inspection.

The Commission records individual declarations of interest within the minutes of each meeting and maintains the required book of declarations in electronic format. Minutes of meetings are published in draft along within the monthly public agenda; approved and signed minutes are then published on the Website after approval on a monthly basis.

The Act also states that the Standing Orders made by the local authority may provide for the exclusion of a Member of the authority from a meeting of the authority while any contract, proposed contract or other matter in which the Member has a pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, is under consideration

Members are invited to consider whether, in light of the requirement to maintain a book open for inspection, this information can be included on the Commission's Website, with suitable notes explaining that declarations are also recorded in minutes, so as to further increase the transparency of the Commission's business.

**Recommendation: to publish the register of interests on the Commission's Website.**

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

7th January, 2020.



## **Extracts from the Local Government Act 1985**

### **Sections 11 – 14**

#### **11. Disability of members of authorities for voting on account of interest in contracts, etc.**

(1) Subject to section 14, if a member of a local authority has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any contract, proposed contract or other matter, and is present at a meeting of the local authority at which the contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, he shall at the meeting and as soon as practicable after its commencement disclose the fact and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of the contract or other matter or vote on any question with respect to it.

(2) If any person fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) he shall for each offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,500 unless he proves that he did not know that the contract, proposed contract or other matter in which he had a pecuniary interest was the subject of consideration at that meeting.

(3) A prosecution for an offence under this section shall not be instituted except by or on behalf of the Attorney General.

(4) The following, that is to say —

- (a) the receipt by the mayor of remuneration or his right to receive, or the possibility of his receiving, such remuneration;
- (b) the receipt by a member of a local authority of an allowance or other payment under Schedule 2 or his right to receive, or the possibility of his receiving, any such payment; shall not be treated as a pecuniary interest for the purposes of this section.

#### **12 Pecuniary interests for purposes of section 11**

(1) For the purposes of section 11 a person shall be treated, subject to subsections (2) and (3) and to section 14, as having indirectly a pecuniary interest in a contract, proposed contract or other matter, if —

- (a) he or any nominee of his is a member of a company or other body with which the contract was made or is proposed to be made or which has a direct pecuniary interest in the other matter under consideration; or
- (b) he is a partner, or is in the employment, of a person with whom the contract was made or is proposed to be made or who has a direct pecuniary interest in the other matter under consideration.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to membership of or employment under any public body, and a member of a company or other body shall not by reason only of his membership be treated as having an interest in any contract, proposed contract or other matter if he has no beneficial interest in any securities of that company or other body.

(3) In the case of married persons living together the interest of one spouse shall, if known to the other, be deemed for the purpose of section 11 to be also an interest of the other.

(4) In the case of civil partners living together the interest of one civil partner, shall, if known to the other, be deemed for the purpose of section 11 to be also an interest of the other.

### **13 General notices and recording of disclosures for purposes of section 11**

(1) A general notice given in writing to the clerk of the authority by a member thereof to the effect that he or his spouse or civil partner is a member or in the employment of a specified company or other body, or that he or his spouse or civil partner is a partner or in the employment of a specified person, or that he or his spouse or civil partner is the tenant of any premises owned by the authority, shall, unless and until the notice is withdrawn, be deemed to be a sufficient disclosure of his interest in any contract, proposed contract or other matter relating to that company or other body or to that person or to those premises which may be the subject of consideration after the date of the notice.

(2) The authority shall cause to be recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose particulars of any disclosure made under section 11 and of any notice given under this section, and the book shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of any member of the local authority.

### **14 Removal or exclusion of disability, etc.**

(1) The Department may, subject to such conditions as it may think fit to impose, by order remove any disability imposed by section 11 in any case in which the number of members of the local authority disabled by that section at any one time would be so great a proportion of the whole as to impede the transaction of business, or in any other case in which it appears to the Department in the interests of the inhabitants of the district that the disability should be removed.

(2) The power of the Department under subsection (1) includes power to remove, either indefinitely or for any period, any such disability which would otherwise attach to any member or any class or description of member by reason of such interests, and in respect of such matters, as may be specified by the Department.

(3) Nothing in section 11 precludes any person from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or voting on, any question whether an application should be made to the Department for the exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (2).

(4) Section 11 does not apply to an interest in a contract, proposed contract or other matter which a member of a local authority has —

- (i) as a ratepayer or inhabitant of the district; or
- (ii) as a tenant of a dwelling house owned by the local authority where that dwelling house is the subject of consideration in common with other dwelling houses owned by the local authority in the same locality;

or to an interest in any matter relating to the terms on which the right to participate in any service, including the supply of goods, is offered to the general public.

(5) For the purpose of section 11 a member shall not be treated as having a pecuniary interest in any contract, proposed contract or other matter by reason only of an interest of



his or of any company, body or person with which he is connected as mentioned in section 12(1) which is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence a member in the consideration or discussion of, or in voting on, any question with respect to that contract or matter.

(6) Where a member of a local authority has an indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, proposed contract or other matter by reason only of a beneficial interest in securities of a company or other body, and the total nominal value of those securities does not exceed £1,000 or one hundredth of the total nominal value of the issued share capital of the company or body, whichever is the less, and if the share capital is of more than one class, the total nominal value of shares of any one class in which he has a beneficial interest does not exceed one-hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class, section 11 shall not prohibit him from taking part in the consideration or discussion of the contract or other matter or from voting on any question with respect to it, without prejudice, however, to his duty to disclose his interest.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
JANUARY 2020 - 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 December 2019 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts totalling £1,873,180.01 were paid through the General Revenue Account and accounts totalling £20,729.97 were paid through the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in December 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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.

Certain elements of capital expenditure have been paid through the Revenue account and they are to be financed by way of capital loans. Therefore they are not disclosed as part of the disclosed 2019-20 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs and they are:

32 – 38 Auldryn Meadow Drive – purchase of four 2-bedroom apartments £565,460.

Upper Queen's Pier Road – professional fees & refurbishment costs £216,081.

Cronk Elfin - refurbishment professional fees £28,905.

Close y Chibbyr Ghlass – boiler replacement programme £30,038.

Kitchen Framework Agreement – replacement kitchens £197,770.

Close Woirrey - redevelopment professional fees £11,343.

**Recommendation : To be noted.**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer



# Ramsey Town Commissioners

## Accounts paid to the 31 December 2019

## Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b>General Account</b>		<b>£</b>
Various	Purchase of social housing & associated fees	561,715.00
Banks	Loan repayments - interest	415,548.66
Banks	Loan repayments - capital	411,532.93
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	176,849.78
Various	Housing property - capital project - UQPR refurb.	129,990.70
Various	Housing property - Kitchen Framework Agreement	34,556.47
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	33,306.93
Various	Housing property - capital project - C. Elfin refurb.	28,208.51
Various	Fuel & oil	14,230.75
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	10,108.17
Various	Legal & prof. fees - housing	9,987.74
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	7,783.35
Various	Street lighting electricity & head renewals	6,253.24
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	5,869.32
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	3,465.41
Various	Park materials	3,424.89
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	3,204.89
Manx Telecom	Phones	2,972.38
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	2,589.84
Various	Housing property - Close y Chibbyr Ghlass heating	2,400.00
Various	Contract cleaning	1,938.88
Various	Legal & prof. fees - non-housing	1,440.00
Various	Town events	1,348.17
Various	Library books & DVD's	1,255.01
Various	Machinery maintenance	938.68
Various	Media & advertising	902.52
RTC	Petty cash	559.92
Various	Security, etc.	339.30
Various	Gift vouchers	250.00
Various	Rent refunds	105.24
Various	IT costs	103.33
		1,873,180.01

### **Northern Civic Amenity Site**

IOM Government	Waste disposal charges	15,435.84
Various	Recycling charges	3,317.66
Various	Staff training	840.00
Various	Fuel & oil	602.77
Various	Site maintenance	245.28
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	219.00
Worldpay	Debit card reader charge	49.99
Bank	Charges	16.85
Various	Sundry	2.58
		20,729.97

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during December 2019

### Appendix 1

AB Photography Ltd.	IOM	Manx Roots Ltd.	IOM
Allan C Swales	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Appleby	IOM	Manx Utilities Authority	IOM
Argon IT Services Ltd.	IOM	March Consultants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Ashcrofts Ltd.	IOM	Middle Park Recycling Ltd.	IOM
ATOP Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost Ltd.	IOM	Newson Trading Co. Ltd.	IOM
BB Consulting Engs. Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Bertram Trading Ltd.	UK	Orona Ltd.	UK
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Buffalo Bowling Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Carpet Doctor	IOM	Pooildhooie Ltd.	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Dickinson & Cruickshank	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	RW Faragher	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Steven Morley Ltd.	IOM
FurnitureLand	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions Ltd.	IOM	2Clean	IOM
Go Marketing Ltd.	IOM	Tooms Building Contractors	IOM
Gregory & Moore Logistics Training Servs.	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Large Print Books Ltd.	UK
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Viking Direct	UK
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	VPG Systems UK Ltd.	UK
JCK Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd	IOM	Westminster Car Restoration	IOM
JP Corry (previously Jewson Ltd.)	UK	WF Howes Ltd.	UK
Kinrade Construction Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
Macs Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM	Yesss Electrical Ltd.	IOM



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 DECEMBER 2019 - Appendix 2**

	2019 - 2020 to date			Estimate for 2019 - 2020		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Social Housing</b>						
Housing Schemes	3,200,275	3,784,795	(584,520)	4,198,000	4,248,600	(50,600)
Cl. y Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	17,203	6,503	10,700	29,700	24,100	5,600
Brookfield Court	9,750	4,307	5,443	15,650	16,930	(1,280)
Close ny Mooragh	22,495	10,564	11,931	33,600	42,700	(9,100)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£3,249,723</b>	<b>£3,806,169</b>	<b>(£556,446)</b>	<b>£ 4,276,950</b>	<b>£ 4,332,330</b>	<b>(£55,380)</b>
<b>Property and Assets</b>						
Town Hall	165,737	19,803	145,934	219,400	23,100	196,300
Workshops	78,063	0	78,063	97,770	0	97,770
Public Conveniences	38,596	0	38,596	54,600	0	54,600
Courthouse	25,760	2,900	22,860	40,000	0	40,000
Mansail Lease	6,508	6,355	153	4,200	7,590	(3,390)
Lakeside Centre	4,050	8,917	(4,867)	4,200	11,170	(6,970)
Parklands Day Nursery	1,804	12,956	(11,152)	2,360	17,150	(14,790)
Bowling Alley	33	11,250	(11,217)	2,000	15,000	(13,000)
Non-Lease Properties	3,396	0	3,396	11,600	0	11,600
Prom Shelters, etc	13,315	0	13,315	13,200	0	13,200
Private Property Repairs	1,431	0	1,431	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	4,441	0	4,441	4,500	0	4,500
Apprentices	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	42,711	52,908	(10,197)	19,000	20,900	(1,900)
Park assets	21,791	0	21,791	49,300	0	49,300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£407,636</b>	<b>£115,089</b>	<b>£292,547</b>	<b>£532,630</b>	<b>£94,910</b>	<b>£437,720</b>
<b>Works &amp; Development</b>						
Foreshores & Flags	1,115	0	1,115	3,500	0	3,500
Car Parks	23,078	16,394	6,684	53,300	16,300	37,000
Refuse Removal	482,602	96,827	385,775	703,990	139,700	564,290
Civic Amenity contribution	130,542	0	130,542	174,100	0	174,100
Sewers & Pumps	78,567	78,567	0	104,735	104,735	0
Street & Dec Lighting	58,186	0	58,186	114,000	0	114,000
Local Services	62,666	0	62,666	97,000	0	97,000
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£836,756</b>	<b>£191,788</b>	<b>£644,968</b>	<b>£1,250,625</b>	<b>£260,735</b>	<b>£989,890</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>						
Advertising & Entertaining	54,203	10,376	43,827	55,500	3,500	52,000
Parks & Gardens	204,696	613	204,083	281,411	602	280,809
Games Concessions	6,615	2,212	4,403	16,500	2,000	14,500
Public Library	99,161	7,975	91,186	141,600	11,300	130,300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£364,675</b>	<b>£21,176</b>	<b>£343,499</b>	<b>£495,011</b>	<b>£17,402</b>	<b>£477,609</b>
<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>						
Administration	33,642	0	33,642	64,700	0	64,700
Office Expenses	703,802	83,266	620,536	950,550	83,000	867,550
Sundry Expenses	7,935	0	7,935	15,500	0	15,500
Miscellaneous	26,734	49,623	(22,889)	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	3,825	0	3,825	6,500	0	6,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£794,381</b>	<b>£132,889</b>	<b>£661,492</b>	<b>£1,096,250</b>	<b>£103,400</b>	<b>£992,850</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,653,171</b>	<b>£4,267,111</b>	<b>£1,501,149</b>	<b>£ 7,651,466</b>	<b>£ 4,808,777</b>	<b>£ 2,842,689</b>
<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,358,586</b>	<b>(£2,358,586)</b>	<b>£ 23,000</b>	<b>£ 2,819,024</b>	<b>(£2,796,024)</b>

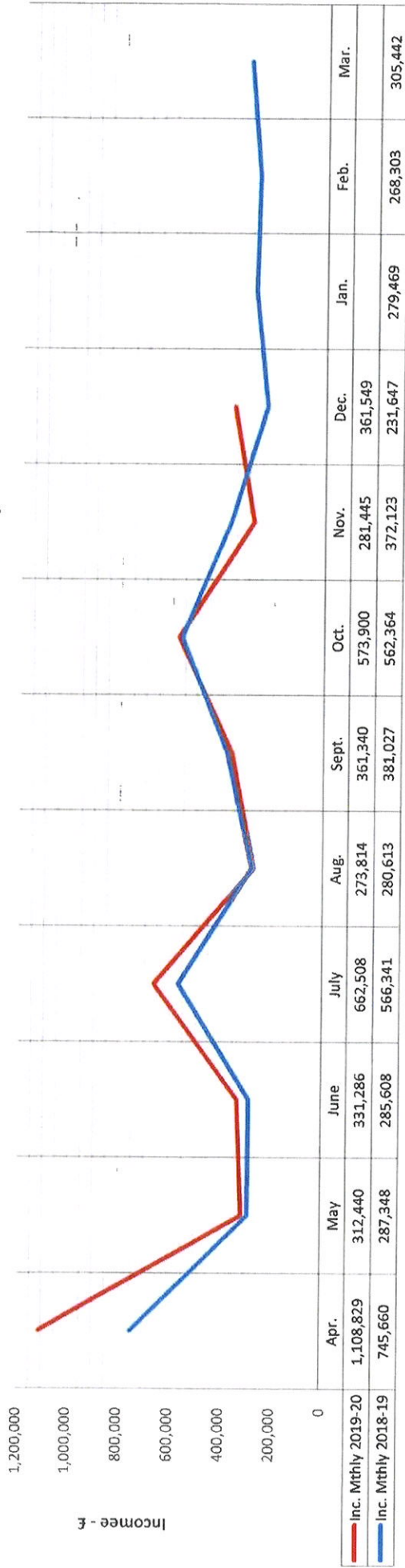


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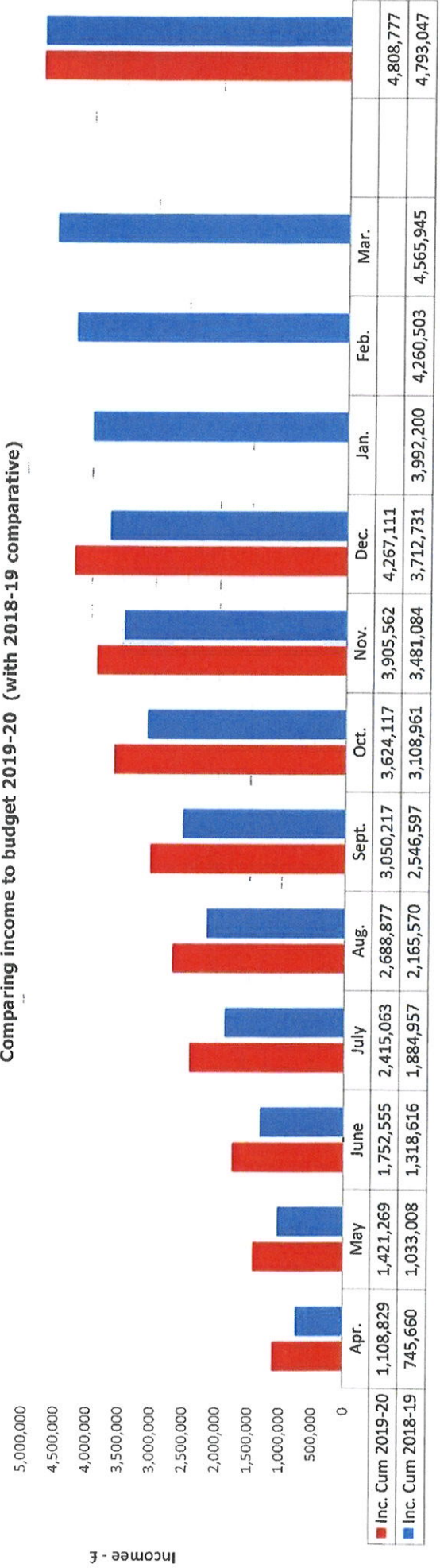
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

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)

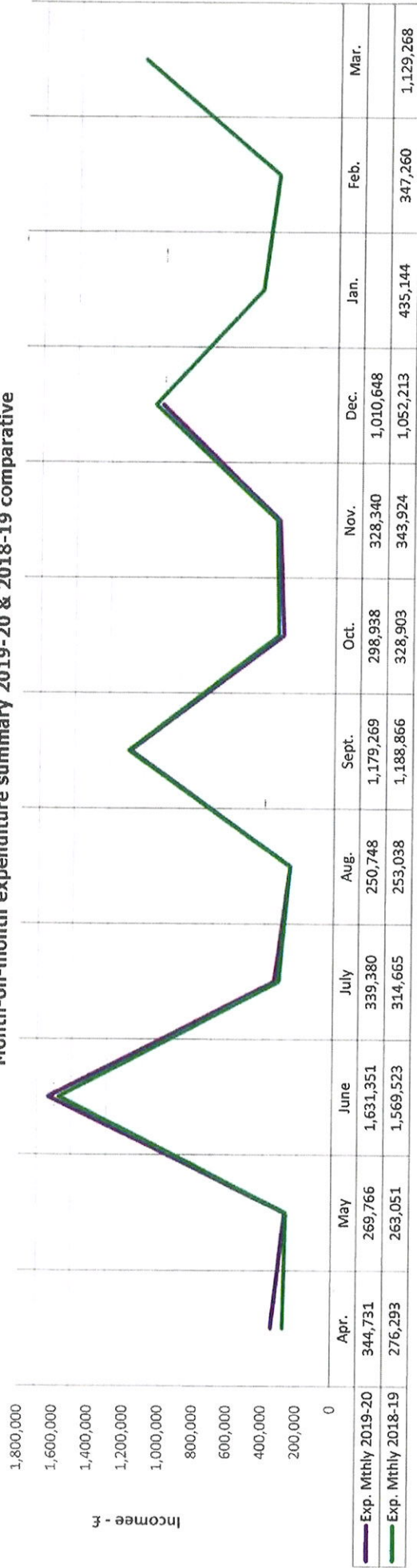


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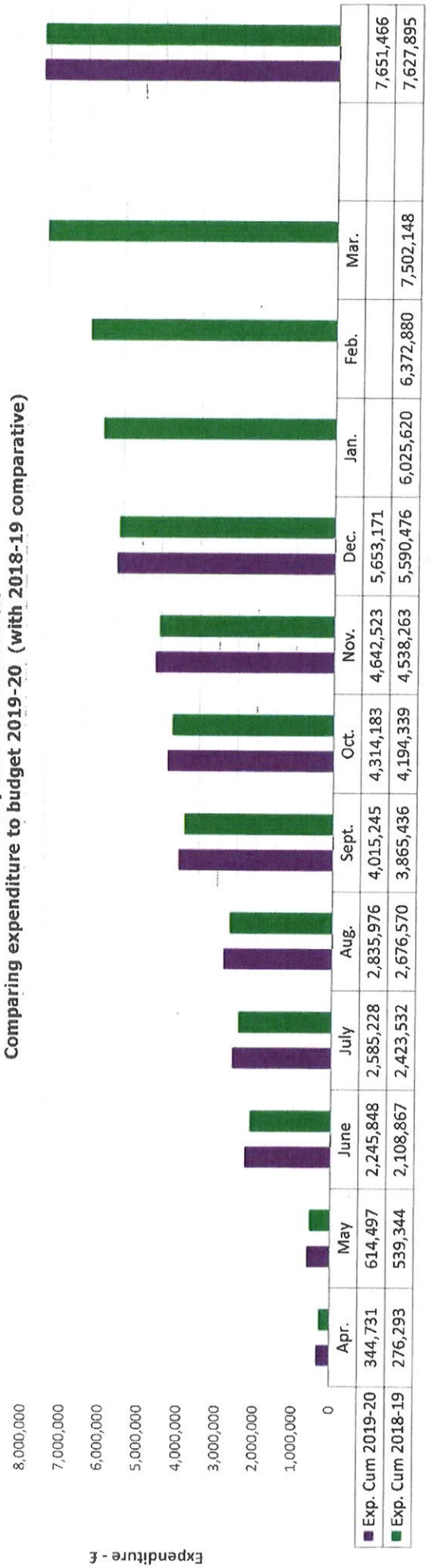
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

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



Ramsey Town Commissioners  
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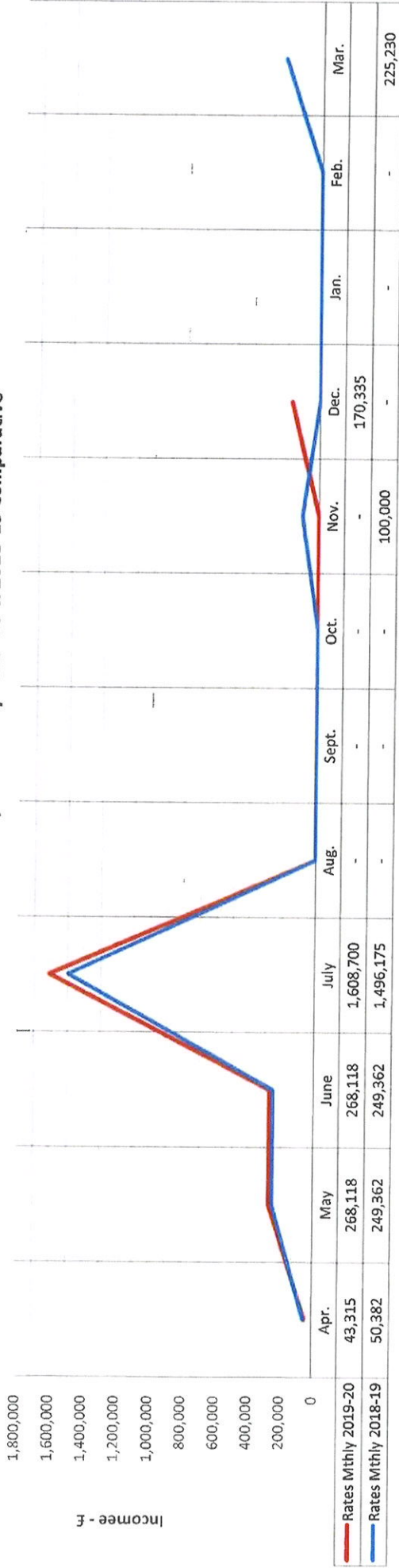


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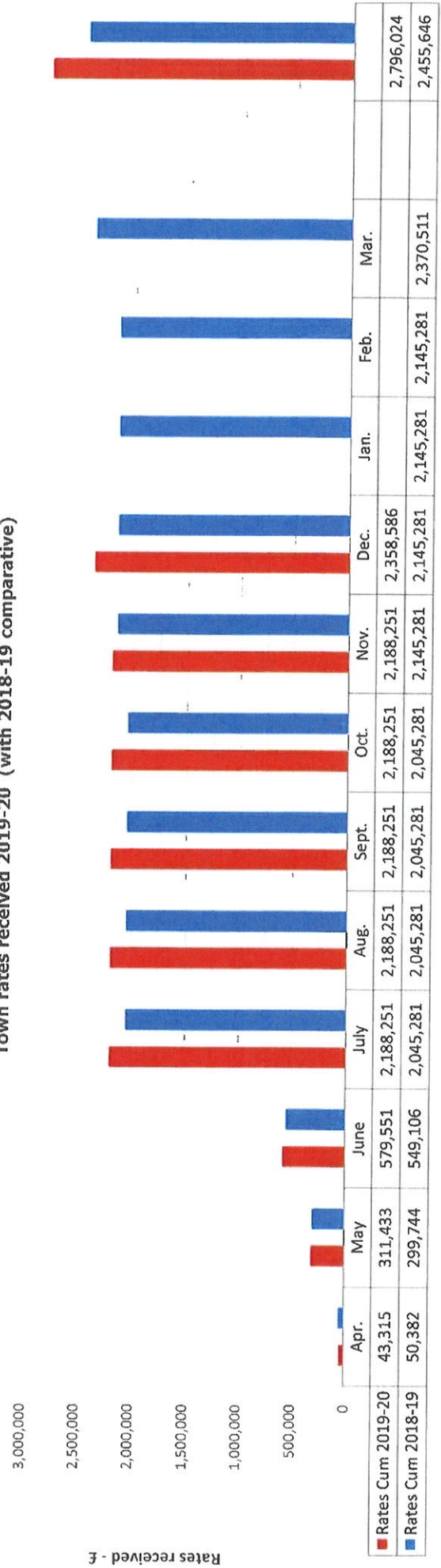
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Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2019-20 & 2018-19 comparative



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



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
AREA PLAN FOR THE NORTH AND WEST - CALL FOR SITES  
JANUARY 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

**Introduction**

As part of the preparations for the Area Plan for the North and West the Cabinet Office is undertaking a 'Call for Sites' exercise. The Call for Sites forms part of an early engagement activity offering individuals and organisations the opportunity to suggest sites for development consideration or particular uses within the North and West.

This will help the Cabinet Office identify potential sites that can be assessed for housing, employment and other types of development ahead of the first formal stage of the plan process: the Preliminary Publicity stage. This note is intended to provide an overview of the stages involved in preparing an Area Plan and information regarding the Call for Sites process.

**The Area Plan for the North and West**

An Area Plan provides a framework for the future development of a specific area. It plans for housing, employment, community facilities, the environment, and ensures infrastructure is available to support these. The combined Area Plan for the North and West will include a strategy for the spatial development of the area, development management policies and sites for achieving the development requirements. All planning applications will be determined against policies and proposals in the Area Plan and material considerations.

The geographical scope is set out in the Strategic Plan and comprises of:

**NORTH**

Ballaugh

Jurby

Andreas

Bride

Lezayre

Ramsey

Maughold [Ward of Garff District]

**WEST**

Patrick

German

Michael

The Area Plan for the North and West will therefore replace the following:

- Foxdale Local Plan 1999
- St Johns Local Plan 1999
- Peel Local Plan 1989
- Kirk Michael Local Plan 1998
- Sulby Local Plan 1998
- Ramsey Local Plan 1998
- Relevant parts of the Planning Scheme (Development Plan) Order 1982



## **Call for Sites**

The Call for Sites extends to developers, landowners, agents, Local Authorities, Government Departments and Statutory Boards as well as other with an interest in developing land in the North and West. All information submitted will help to inform the next steps in the plan preparation.

It is important to note that this Call for Sites does not comprise or form part of the first statutory stage in the area plan process. The Call for Sites is a technical exercise that will form part of the evidence base for the area plan. The Preliminary Publicity, as set out in Schedule 1, Paragraph 2 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999, is the first statutory stage and will take place in due course.

In terms of existing land designations as stated in current Local/Development Plans, as set out above the Cabinet Office is open to any suggestions as part of the Call for Sites to re-examine sites in order to consider their suitability for consideration for site allocation(s) for future use or development of land such as:

- Housing
- Employment
- Retail
- Leisure
- Community Use
- Mixed Use Development

The Call for Sites invitation will close on the 29th November 2019.

Respondents to the call for sites notice do not have to be land owners, proposals for land designation can be made by any person or party, all submissions are however a matter of public record and will be published.

## **Next Steps**

All sites received from the Call for Sites exercise will be assessed by the Planning Policy Team/Consultants. Site survey work will be carried out and may lead to a further request for information and/or site access. Sites will be assessed against a range of criteria to determine the capacity and suitability for development and will assist in identifying appropriate sites to take forward.

The initial site assessments findings will be published at the Preliminary Publicity stage and will be open for comments during this stage.

Updates on the Area Plan for the North and West will be provided on the Planning Policy website at:

<https://www.gov.im/categories/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/>



**Town Clerk's Report - Area Plan for the North and West - Call for Sites**  
**January 2020 - Public Continued**

The Table appended sets out the key stages in the preparations for the Area Plan, the work that the Planning Policy Team within the Cabinet Office will carry out and a brief overview of the stages in which the public can become involved in the plan process.

Land zoning within the Ramsey Town Boundary is determined by the Isle of Man Development Scheme (Ramsey Local Plan)(No2) Order 1998 and the West Ramsey Development Framework 2004.

These documents are all available to download on the IOM Government Website at:-  
<https://www.gov.im/categories/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/development-plan/local-plans/>

In terms of Ramsey Town the existing settlement boundaries are shown on the attached map which is also available to download on the Call for Sites consultation page  
<https://consult.gov.im/environment-food-and-agriculture/area-plan-for-the-north-and-west-call-for-sites/>

The call for sites process provides the opportunity to identify sites and potential future uses for further consideration within the development plan process. Sites can be identified for specific uses, and the opportunity can be taken to propose changes in existing site planning designation, for instance from public open space to development land, the ability to make a submission of a site proposal is not limited the land owner.

Members may wish to consider whether they would wish to make a submission in respect of any specific sites within (or outside) the Town Boundary.

The appended table details significant sites identified for consideration, although others may exist, they represent the major land areas within or adjacent to the existing town boundaries which are identified and zoned within the current Town Plan. The Call for Sites process provides an opportunity to review site uses, including re-confirming an existing designation, and to identify sites for designation for specific purposes which might include housing, business, industrial, open space, park land etc.

Members may wish to identify other sites within or outside the town boundary upon which initial comment should be made under the call for sites process. If such sites could be brought to the attention of the Town Clerk before the meeting details of the site histories will be compiled for consideration during discussion.

It is suggested that Members provide any comments or view on the matter to the Town Clerk so that these may be compiled for consideration prior to the response date, with a special meeting being convened for such purpose if required.

**Recommendation: for noting and individual contributions made to the Town Clerk for compilation prior to further consideration.**

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

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

Plan Making Stage	Part Of Statutory Stage	What will the Cabinet Office do during this Stage?	How can public get involved?	Indicative Timescale
Call for Sites	NO	i. Make a public announcement of the Call for Sites ii. Publish <i>Call for Sites Response Form</i> iii. Publish the <i>Consultation and Engagement Statement</i> iv. Publish <i>Scoping Report</i> v. Report of Call for Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit sites for consideration</li> <li>Input from Local Authorities, service providers and key stakeholders for <i>Scoping Report</i></li> <li>Input from Steering Committee for <i>Scoping Report</i> and <i>Consultation and Engagement Statement</i></li> </ul>	May 2019 – November 2019 (receiving responses for Call for Sites)  TBC (Scoping Report and Engagement Strategy)
Preliminary Publicity	YES	i. Make a public announcement of the Preliminary Publicity and a period for public consultation ii. Publish all suggested sites iii. Publish initial site assessment findings iv. Undertake internal detailed site assessment scoring/reports, exploring options for site distribution and the implications of differing growth distribution scenarios across the North and West v.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make representations to Cabinet Office on the Preliminary Publicity during the Consultation Period</li> </ul>	TBC
Draft Plan	YES	i. Publish the <i>Draft Area Plan for the North and West</i> which will identify sites proposed for development ii. Publish supporting evidence including: Full Site Assessment findings and Response Table addressing representations made on Preliminary Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make representations to Cabinet Office on the Draft Plan during the Consultation Period</li> </ul>	TBC
Public Inquiry	YES	i. Prepare Departmental Response Table to comments on the Draft Plan ii. Prepare documents and case for Inquiry (including proofs of evidence) iii. Make arrangements for the Public Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit proofs of evidence based on previous submissions</li> </ul>	TBC

**TABLE 1**  
**Overview of Area Plan Process**



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parties can appear in person at Inquiry</li> </ul>	
Adoption of Draft Plan	YES	i. Consider Inspector's Report and decide whether to make modifications to Draft Plan which may include modifications to specific site allocations/proposals ii. Seeks representations/objections on any modifications and consider them iii. In due course, formally 'Adopt the Plan'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make representations to Cabinet Office on any proposed modifications during the Consultation Period</li> </ul>	TBC
Approval of Final Plan by Tynwald	YES	i. Arrange for consideration of the Plan at a forthcoming meeting of Tynwald ii. If approved, make copies of the Plan available to download or purchase – i.e. publish the Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note political debate at Tynwald and decision</li> </ul>	TBC

**TABLE 1**  
**Overview of Area Plan Process**

Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
Mooragh Estate.	Public Open Space	<p>Current designated as Public Open Space within the Ramsey Town Plan, the designation permits a proportion of land to be utilised for associated uses, i.e. sports hall.</p> <p>An application in principle to locate a sports hall below the Broughs was submitted in 2017</p> <p>17/01293/A - Approval in principle for the erection of a community sport hall. Approved March 2018.</p> <p>The Commission may wish to seek to retain the public open space designation, to establish a sports and leisure designation on all or part of the site, or to consider whether development might be permissible on any areas of the site.</p>
Vollan Fields, Bride Road	Future Development	<p>The Vollan Fields, off Bride Road were zoned for mixed use development in the Ramsey Town Plan 1998. The plan stated that development may only proceed in accordance with an overall scheme for the whole area. Residential with some light industrial use was envisaged</p> <p>The Commission may wish to consider whether the site should continue to be zoned for development; it has retained its agricultural use since 1998. There has been no progress or call to produce a development brief in this area, nor have any planning applications been submitted.</p>
Vollan Crescent	Public Open Space	<p>The site was designated within the Ramsey Town Plan 1998 and comprises the area of land between the property Whitestones and the terrace of houses at Vollan Crescent.</p> <p>There have been a number of planning applications related to the site,</p>



Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
		<p>most recently:-</p> <p>05/01981/A - Approval in principle for the construction of twelve first time buyer units with associated parking / open space. Refused at review - The application site is located within a wider area that is zoned as public open space under the Isle of Man (Ramsey Local Plan) (No. 2) Order 1998. As such, approval of the planning application would be contrary to the zoning of the local plan and result in a loss of public open space to the detriment of public amenity.</p> <p>14/00605/A - Approval in principle for the erection of two semi-detached dwellings. Refused at Appeal - 1. The proposal is contrary to the provisions of General Policy 3 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2007 in that the proposed development does not fall within any of the listed exceptions to the restrictions on development outside areas zoned for development.</p> <p>2. The proposal is contrary to the provisions of Environment Policy 42 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2007 and Policy R/E/P8 of the Ramsey Local Plan in that the proposed development would cause substantial harm to the character, appearance and visual amenity of the area by reason of the removal of open and green spaces which contribute to the visual amenity and sense of place of this particular area.</p> <p>3. The proposal is contrary to Recreation Policy 2 as defined by the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2007 which seeks to preserve public open space in the interests of the residents or any visitors to the area.</p> <p>The reasons for refusal in both cases related directly to land zoning and the Commission may wish to consider whether they would wish to seek amendment of the zoning to permit residential development or otherwise.</p>

Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
Ormly Hall	Open Space	The site is that area of grassland between the access road to the new Royal Park development and the Mooragh Broughs. It was designated as open space within the 1998 Ramsey Town Plan.
Ramsey Cottage Hospital Grounds	Hospital Grounds	The Ramsey Town Plan identified the need for DHSS to formulate an overall plan for the area comprising the hospital, surgeries, Dalmeny and the open space, with no further incursion into the open space without prior agreement, and identified the need for a traffic management plan.
Ballachrink	Mixed industrial & business use	<p>The site is the area of land between Poyll Dooley Road at Riverside and the Dandara development land to the east of Gardeners Lane. The land was zoned within the West Ramsey Development Framework in 2004.</p> <p>Since that time only one planning application has been submitted for the site, PA 05/01191/A seeking approval in principle for the erection of a manufacturing plant for the processing and packaging of medical foods including R &amp; D and administration facilities, this application was withdrawn.</p> <p>Despite land designation there appears to be either little development interest or reluctance on the part of the land owners to progress development.</p> <p>It is possible that the site would be more attractive for development if its designation were changed to predominantly residential; doing so however would remove a considerable area of land designated for mixed industrial &amp; business use, which has the potential to provide opportunities for diversification of and additional employment within the town.</p>



Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
The Leighany Field	Playing Field	<p>The area is also predominantly within an area of high tidal flood risk.</p> <p>The area was designated within the Ramsey Town Plan 1998 as a Playing Field. It is in the ownership of the Department of Education Sport and Children, and it is recognised that development interest has been expressed for housing purposes.</p> <p>There are no recorded planning applications for the site.</p> <p>The area is within an area of high river and tidal flood risk, it is questionable therefore whether development would be permissible under the IOM Strategic Plan Environment Policy 13: which states that “Development which would result in an unacceptable risk from flooding, either on or off-site, will not be permitted.” although it should also be noted that the majority of the town centre area falls within a flood risk zone and that development can include mitigation and flood protection measures.</p> <p>The site has been unused for a number of years and there will be a call for it to be designated for some purpose, even with restricted access there is a need to find a useful purpose for the site and development might be a proposed by Government (which owns the land) or potential by developers.</p> <p>There are serious concerns that development in this area will have an impact on flood risk. The Board has previously approached the Department of Education and Children with a view to utilising the site for allotments which was declined at that time.</p>

Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
Grove Museum Field	Museum	<p>Designated in the Ramsey Town Plan 1998. The area forms part of the Grove Museum estate and is considered important in the presentation of the Grove in the context of its Victorian history.</p> <p>Recently development at Grove Park was restricted by the need to recognise the context of the Grove and the view may be taken that the field should be protected against development for this reason.</p>
Field on south corner of Richmond Road and Bowring Road	Open Space	<p>The field forms part of the Grove Museum Estate although it is detached therefrom.</p> <p>It is limited in its use, consideration as to formalising its future might include continuation of existing, creation of parkland, housing or other development.</p>
Field opposite Grove Museum	Open Space	<p>The field forms part of the Grove Museum Estate although it is detached therefrom.</p> <p>It is limited in its use, consideration as to formalising its future might include continuation of existing, creation of parkland, housing or other development.</p>
Land to West of Gardeners Lane	Medium /Low Density Residential and potential future residential	<p>Areas zoned under the West Ramsey Development Brief which provides that this land should not be permitted for development until the area to the east of Gardeners Lane has been developed.</p> <p>Development in this area would be accessed via Gardeners Lane and would increase considerable the traffic using the TT Access route during TT and MGP periods. The Commission may take the view that development is prohibited to the west of Gardeners Lane until the by-pass road provided for within the West Ramsey Development Brief is</p>



Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
		<p>provided and operational as a public highway.</p> <p>The area also includes land previously intended for the development of a public house, shop and Nursery as part of the Auldryn Walk development. These proposals were approved</p> <p>03/01846/B Residential estate development comprising of roads, plots, sewers and layout for 26 semi detached dwellings, 14 terraced dwellings, 10 apartments, 1 children's nursery, 1 public house with managers accommodation and 2 lock up retail units Land North Of Ramsey Power Station And West Of Gardeners Lane Off Gardeners Lane Ramsey Isle Of Man.</p> <p>There has been no development progress other than the residential units. The Commission may wish to consider whether this land should be reserved for community use (as approved) or re-designated for residential use.</p>
Former Albert Road School Site	Town Centre Mixed Development	<p>The former school site .</p> <p>Recent planning applications include</p> <p>11/00168/B Formation and operation of a public car park following the demolition of school building Albert Road School Albert Road Ramsey Isle Of Man IM8 1JB – completed</p> <p>12/01556/B - Erection of a multi-purpose building containing community centre, function rooms, cafe/restaurant and offices, together with associated car parking and vehicular access; and</p> <p>16/01103/B - Erection of multi-purpose building containing three units of commercial use (Classes 1-4), offices, four apartments and three townhouses with associated parking and access.</p>

Site Location	Existing Designation	Discussion
		<p>The site is effectively in two parts, half has been developed for parking and the remainder is in private ownership.</p> <p>The Commission, or others, may wish to take a view on its future use as a prominent and key “gateway site” to the town.</p>



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
CONSULTATION TT/MGP ROAD CLOSURES  
JANUARY, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

This consultation, issued by the Department for Enterprise, seeks views on the proposed changes to the road closure schedule for TT 2020 and beyond.

The deadline for responses is 5 p.m. on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.

The consultation and method of response can be found on the IOM Government Consultation Hub at <https://consult.gov.im/economic-development/tt-course-road-closure-schedule-changes-2020/>

In early 2018, the Department wrote to all property owners and occupiers around the TT course seeking feedback on the proposals for additional 'contingency' practice periods for TT 2018 for use in the event that poor weather or other circumstances caused the cancellation of scheduled qualifying sessions.

At TT 2018 these additional contingency sessions were allowed for on the first Sunday of Qualifying Week and the final Friday afternoon of Qualifying Week, mainly due to the timings of School holidays. At the Festival of Motorcycling in 2018, the contingency was increased to include the Thursday afternoon as well. These periods were continued through both events in 2019.

At TT in 2018 there was no need to use either of the contingency days and at the Festival of Motorcycling the weather was so poor that even though the use of the contingency days was likely to happen the weather prevented this.

In 2019 at both events a mix of the various contingency days were used, again due to poor weather, but their use did mean that had Race Week in TT had good weather then there would have been no disruption. Unfortunately this didn't happen. The use of these contingencies has identified their need, if the Organisers are to try and minimise disruption during the Racing Week with delays meaning that racing is delayed or postponed as competitors still require time to meet qualification requirements.

In operating these contingency sessions, it is obvious that they introduce a level of uncertainty to the general public and race fans alike, will the roads be closed or will they not? Whilst the Department and the Organisers do communicate any changes and use of the contingency sessions as far as possible in advance, through as many media channels as possible, there could still be individuals who do not get the message and are suddenly met with a closed road.

**Town Clerk's Report - Consultation TT/MGP Road Closures  
January, 2020 - Public Continued:**

In order to remove a level of uncertainty, but also to retain some flexibility, the Department and the Organisers are proposing a variation to the road closures for TT 2020. The proposed variations from the closures in 2019 are as follows:

**Saturday 30th May 2020** – the evening practice session will no longer be run and the roads will not close;

**Sunday 31st May 2020** – the afternoon “contingency” qualifying session will no longer be a contingency session, but will become a scheduled qualifying and practice session.

The Mountain Road will commence closing from Barrule Park, Ramsey from 11:45 a.m. to allow for de-coning of the road, with the rest of the course closing at 01:00 p.m. Qualifying and practice will then take place between 1:30 p.m. and will cease, no later than 5.30 p.m.

The roads around the TT Course will re-open no later than 6:30 p.m., with the A18 Mountain Road reopening one way no later than 7:30 p.m.;

The remainder of Qualifying Week will operate as normally until:

**Friday 5th June** – the afternoon “contingency” qualifying session will, under normal circumstances, become the final scheduled qualifying session, with the Mountain Road, from Barrule Park closing at 11.15 a.m. and the whole course closing from 12:30 p.m..

If the normal qualifying and practice sessions have gone ahead during the week, this will be the final qualifying session of the week, the roads will re-open no later than 4.30pm, with the A18 Mountain Road reopening one-way an hour later.

If qualifying and practice sessions have been disrupted by the weather or other circumstances outside of the organisers control, the option to close the roads between 6.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. will be retained as a contingency and would be used only if required.

If this contingency session is used as well as the afternoon session then the A18 Mountain Road will not re-open to traffic between 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and will remain closed. The remainder of the course will open to traffic between 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and will re-open no later than 9.30 p.m., except for the A18 which will open approximately one hour later.

**Other Changes** - In addition to these changes, some minor changes are also proposed for the Race Week timings; on Saturday 6th June 2020, the TT Course closure would be brought forward by 1 hour to 10:00 a.m. with the A18 Mountain Road closing from Barrule Park, Ramsey at 9.15 a.m., until no later than 9.30 p.m. (the A18 Mountain Road will re-open one way approximately 1 hour later).



**Town Clerk's Report - Consultation TT/MGP Road Closures**  
**January, 2020 - Public Continued:**

On the contingency race days (Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th June 2020) it is proposed that the roads will close 1 hour later than previously at 12:30 p.m., with the A18 Mountain Road closing from Barrule Park, Ramsey from 11.45am. In both cases the roads will re-open no later than 9.30 p.m..

Allied to the proposed schedule changes to Race days, it is envisaged that these changes will provide more certainty as to when roads are closed, or not, and allow for roads to open for access more regularly and to fully open earlier.

If these changes prove to be successful, then the intent would also be to replicate these changes through the Classic TT/Manx Grand Prix period in 2020 and for future events as well, taking into account the timing of these future events when determining the actual closures proposed.

Following this consultation exercise, comments, views or ideas provided will be considered by the Department, in conjunction with the Department of Infrastructure and will be used to direct the actual closure times contained within any racing authorisation issued.

**Recommendation: to support the proposal as providing greater clarity as to road closure times.**

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

10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JANUARY, 2020**

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: 3732  
P.A. NO.: 19/01389/B  
APPLICANT: Robert Cowell Esq.  
PROPOSED: Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation, extension to provide utility room, replacement of window with patio door and juliette balcony, creation of external staircase, erection of detached garage and alterations to vehicular access  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **The Elms, 3, The Crescent, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3733  
P.A. NO.: 19/01412/B  
APPLICANT: Stephen Albert Bardwell  
PROPOSED: Installation of a flue for a wood burner  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **5, Gardeners Lane, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3734  
P.A. NO.: 19/01414/B  
APPLICANT: Mrs. Karen McGurgan  
PROPOSED: Installation of a flue  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Auldyn Lodge, Mount Auldyn, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3735  
P.A. NO.: 19/01427/C  
APPLICANT: Zaria Investments Limited  
PROPOSED: Change of use from estate agents to a hairdressers (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use  
SITE: **Shop 1, 27, Parliament Street, Ramsey**



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REF NO: 3736  
P.A. NO.: 19/01440/B  
APPLICANT: Fynoderee Limited  
PROPOSED: Installation of fencing, formation of parking and bin area and change of use from workshop/garage/offices to a distillery with ancillary offices (Class 4) and shop (Class 1)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Garage/Workshop, Parsonage Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace  
Technical Services Manager

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
THE 'HAPPY TO CHAT' BENCHES  
JANUARY, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has been approached by Hospice about the possibility of locating benches around town called 'Happy to Chat' benches.

The email sent by Hospice is:

"As you are aware, isolation and loneliness affects the young, the old, young mums, new residents and those on the periphery of society. There is an initiative running throughout the UK to install 'Chat Benches,' to reduce loneliness. Anyone who is feeling lonely or disconnected is encouraged to sit on the benches and strike up a conversation. 'The Chat Bench' is a very simple concept where a sign is placed on a bench, alternatively, the bench can be distinguished by being painted in bright or neutral colours, typically these are placed in town centres, promenades, in locations used by the community.

This maybe the first step toward an inclusive and compassionate community.

Web information

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/news/new-sit-and-chat-bench-in-porthcawl-park/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2019/07/17/this-towns-solution-loneliness-chat-bench/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-50000204>"

Is this something that the Board would want to support? Mental Health awareness is being pushed strongly with more and more information on awareness being delivered on a regular basis.

**Recommendation: to support the initiative and investigate suitably located benches for use through adoption of an appropriate colour scheme.**

B. Wallace.  
Technical Services Manager

8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PUBLIC SECTOR RENT INCREASES 2020-21  
JANUARY, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure has notified of the increase to be applied to public sector rents for the 2020/21 financial year.

A statement issued by the Department on 7th January said:-

*Public sector rents in the Isle of Man are set to rise by 1.9%, with effect from 1 April 2020.*

*The revised charges have been announced by the Department of Infrastructure following consultation with the Island's 15 local housing authorities.*

*The rise equates to average weekly increases of between £1.19 and £2.01, depending upon the size of the property. Tenants who have their rental costs met by the Government as part of their income-assessed Social Security benefits will not be affected by the change.*

*Significant investment is being made in public sector housing. The gap between the cost of funding public sector housing and the income from rents is likely to exceed £6 million a year. Despite this, the Department remains mindful that some public sector tenants will struggle to meet housing costs, and is setting an increase which is fair and reasonable for all parties.*

*Infrastructure Minister Ray Harmer MHK said: 'Maintaining a balance between the cost of delivering the service against the cost to the tenant is a difficult one. The Department's intention is to move to periodic rental setting over 4 to 5 years rather than setting the rental on an annual basis and will work with local authorities to endeavour to achieve this.'*

*Public sector tenants are reminded that help is available should they find themselves struggling to meet their financial obligations. In the first instance, they should contact the Social Security Division within the Treasury, where staff can provide advice regarding any assistance for which they may be eligible.*

The impact of the increases is demonstrated below:-

Property Type	Average weekly public sector rent 2020-21	Average weekly increase from 2019-20
1 bed flat	£63.94	£1.19
1 bed flat (sheltered)	£79.69	£1.49
2 bed house	£94.09	£1.75
3 bed house	£107.80	£2.01

**Town Clerk's Report – Public Sector Rents**  
**January, 2020 - Public Continued:**

The Commission discussed the question of rental increases for the 2020-21 rent year at the September 2019 public meeting at which it was 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%.

**Recommendation: to be noted.**

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

7th January, 2020.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
EVENTS 2020  
JANUARY 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received requests from the following organisations to stage events in the Mooragh Park during 2020:

Name of Event	Date of Event	Organisation	Use of Mooragh Park Requested	Other Logistical Support
Bubblerush	Sunday 24th May 2020	Hospice Isle of man	Yes	Use of barriers
Sunday Funday	Sunday 12th July 2020	Rotary Club of Ramsey	Yes	Use of barriers

Both of these events have been staged for a number of years and have proved very popular.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether they would be happy for these events to take place in the Mooragh Park and provide the logistical support requested.

**Recommendation:**

1 - To allow Bubblerush and Sunday Funday to take place in the Mooragh Park and provide the requested logistical support.

***H S Bevan***  
Deputy Town Clerk

8<sup>th</sup> January 2020