

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
PETITION REPORT
ACQUISITION OF REPLACEMENT LITTER BINS AND CAR PARK RE-SURFACING

The Ramsey Town Commissioners have submitted a petition to the Department of Infrastructure for approval under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 1985 to borrow a sum not exceeding £213,360 repayable within a period not exceeding 10 years to defray the cost of acquisition of:

1. One hundred and fifty-five 240 litre wheelie bin housing to replace existing old smaller litter bins
2. Contractor services to re-surface Station Road car park, Mooragh Park car park and associated roads, Poyll Dooley car park.

The borrowing facility would be provided by HSBC under the Local Authority Borrowing Agreement, with annual payments estimated at £24,415.14 being a charge against the rate fund. Budgetary provision for the borrowing has been made within the rate set by the authority for the 2022/23 financial year.

At a meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 2021 the Ramsey Town Commissioners, as part of their 2022-23 budget planning agreed for research to be undertaken and proposals to be prepared for:

1. Replacement of litter bins in and around the Town.
2. The re-surfacing of car parks in and around the Town.

At meetings held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 and Monday 24th January 2022 the Ramsey Town Commissioners considered the following proposals:

Litter bins

- a. Replace litter bins on a like-for-like basis. This would result in the purchase of a variety of litter bin types having a variety of life spans.
- b. Purchase wheelie bin housings in which 240 litre wheelie bins could be housed. This arrangement is considered:
 - ideal for areas of high footfall, litter hotspots and tourist locations,
 - secure,
 - to offer a larger capacity solution to help remove overflowing litter,
 - to reduce collection costs.
- c. Make no major investment in litter bin replacement and simply replace bins as and when deemed absolutely necessary.

Car park re-surfacing

- a. Engage appropriately qualified and experienced contractors to undertake a full excavation of old surfaces and relay with new tarmacadam.
- b. Engage appropriately qualified and experienced contractors to fill all potholes and surface damage and then undertake a re-surfacing procedure utilising Micro tarmacadam.
- c. Continue with the existing repair programme.

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During the meetings it was noted that:

- Under S.72A of the Public Health Act 1990 "A local Authority may remove litter from any street in its district."
- Not to perform such a basic task would cause a nuisance or be detrimental to amenities in the locality.
- In order to do so the provision of appropriate receptacles is necessary.
- Under S2 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 the Commission has a duty of care to its staff whilst performing their employment, particularly when collecting and handling waste.
- The purchase of wheelie bin housings (with 240 litre wheelie bin inserts) would:
 - increase the Town's litter bin capacity by up to 150%,
 - be emptied utilising the refuse collection vehicles during normal collection rounds thereby reducing the risk of injury to staff and reducing collection costs,
 - be more secure in the prevention of vermin,
 - provide continuity of litter receptacles in and around the Town.
- The Commission has a duty of care to members of the public who utilise the various car parking facilities owned by the Commission.
- The most recent re-surfacing was approx. 2014-15.
- A significant portion of the car parks has incurred or are subject to pothole damage due to weather conditions or general usage.
- As a result further damage in the future is highly likely leading an enhance potential for the development of trip hazards.

Various quotations for the alternatives and various methods of financing were investigated and these include the following:

Litter bins

- Purchasing bins like-for-like. Two hundred 110 litre litter bins at an average cost ranging from £410 to £536, i.e. total ranging from £82,000 to £107,000 with no greater security against vermin and no reduction in collection costs.
- Purchasing of Glasdon Jubilee 240 litre wheelie bin housings. One hundred and fifty-five wheelie bin housings at an average cost of £667.80, i.e. a total of £103,510 (including delivery) with associated estimated collection cost savings of £13,755, increased security against vermin and a safer working environment.

Car park re-surfacing

- Full removal of existing surfaces and relaying of new tarmac. Quotes varied from £52.70 per m² to £64.65 per m².

It is estimated that the total cost for full re-surfacing of all the listed car parks and line marking would range from £234,360 to £287,500.

- Repair existing potholes and surface damage, re-surface with Micro tarmac. The quote provided for this work was £20.55 per m².

It is estimated that that the total cost for repair, Micro tarmac re-surfacing and line marking of all the listed car parks would be approximately £109,850.

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Financing for both proposals could be over a 10 year period via:

- A leasing agreement attracting interest at approximately 3%.
- A hire purchase agreement attracting interest at approximately 3.75%.
- A bank loan attracting an interest rate of approximately 2% plus base and a first year arrangement fee.
- HSBC under the Local Authority Borrowing Agreement attracting interest at approximately 1.5%.

Undertaking the proposed projects is considered essential to enable the Commission to fulfil its duties of litter collection in and around the town as set out in Section 65 of the Public Health Act 1990, provide safe working conditions for its staff and to provide safe car parking facilities for the public into the future.

The borrowing will be secured against the existing assets of the Commission. Funding will be borrowed through HSBC under the Local Authority Borrowing Agreement. The total sum to be borrowed would be:

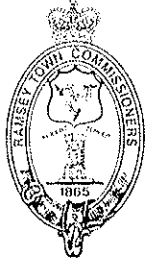
Litter bin housings	£103,510
Car park re-surfacing	<u>£109,850</u>
Total	<u>£213,360</u>

The estimated quarterly repayments over a 10 year period (based upon a 3 month SONIA rate of 0.55% plus a Margin of 0.95%, Total 1.5%) would be £6,103.78 (equivalent to £24,415.12 annually). Budgetary provision for the acquisitions has been provided within the Commission's rate setting for the 2022/23 rate year.

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Town Clerk and Chief Executive Office.

8th April 2022



RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Local Government Act 1985

Ramsey Town Commissioners are petitioning the Department of Infrastructure seeking consent under section 51 of the Local Government Act 1985 to

- Purchase 155 (one hundred and fifty) 240 litre wheelie bin housings at a cost of £103,510 for distribution around the Town to replace old corroding litter bins which are at the end of their useful lives.
- Undertake re-surfacing and line marking work on car parks and adopted roads within the Town at a cost of £109,850.

Further details of the petition may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Ramsey, or from the Commission's website www.ramsey.gov.im.

The petition will be considered by the Department of Infrastructure and any views on the proposal should be submitted to the Petitions' Officer, Local Government Unit, Management Services Division, Department of Infrastructure, Sea Terminal Building, Douglas, IM1 2RF, no later than noon on Friday 29th April, 2022.

Dated this 8th April, 2022.

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Town Clerk & Chief Executive