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14th July, 2022.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening next, **20th July, 2022**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

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| • Waste Recycling, Middle River | (WD) |
| • Highway Maintenance Charter | (WD) |

10. Any other Business:

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- (by permission of Chairman)
- Matters Raised by the Public
 - ❖ None received
 - Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ None Received



T. R. K. Cowin,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 15th June, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. B. R. Williams, Ms L. L. Craine, Mr. G. S. Court, Messrs' A. R. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

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

(2022/23:043) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 18th May, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to minor amendments:

- Clause 9 – the word “walkway” was changed to the word “footway”, and
- Clause 17 – Mr. McGuinness indicated his proposal was simply that the Commission “maintain the objection from the previous meeting and in addition request a review of the conditions of the original application”.

(2022/23:044) Matters Arising:

Mr. Singer again referred to horses accessing the footway on the Mooragh Promenade. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he had spoken to the Department of Infrastructure who are investigating horses and vehicles accessing the footway including the possibility of erecting bollards and signage.

Mr. Kelly took the opportunity to express thanks to the outdoor staff for all their work during the T.T. fortnight. Mr. Oldham reiterated Mr. Kelly's comments.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:045) Action Tracker June, 2022:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 8th June 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Ramsey North Promenade Changing Huts – Mr. Kelly queried bathing water quality testing – members were informed that this was a year-round process and no results are expected to be received for some time. Members were reminded that the South Beach has acceptable bathing water status.

Mooragh Promenade Shelter Art – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that preparatory work on the fourth shelter has commenced in anticipation of painting being commenced by students of Ramsey Grammar School. It was reported that the students are eager to start this project which they anticipate will be completed by the end of the school term.

(2022/23:045) Action Tracker June, 2022 Continued:

Boundary Extension – Mr. Cowell asked about progress concerning the Boundary Extension - members were informed that the Town Clerk had received that afternoon the Draft Order and Maps but that no date has been set for the Public Inquiry. The Town Clerk undertook to distribute the details to members.

Empty Pubs – The Town Clerk reminded members of the Special Board Meeting to be held on 22nd June, at which the Commission will meet the Brewery for part of the meeting. [The meeting will also include a presentation by the Ambulance Service.]

Bicycle Shelters – Mr. Cowell asked why only 2 planning applications had been submitted – Members were informed that work was required to be undertaken at the MER Station, the site for the third shelter before a planning application could be submitted.

Jubilee Grant Events – Mr. Cowell queried the allocation of grant received for Jubilee Events - Members were informed that the approved Jubilee Grant would be allocated across the whole costs and not specific events.

Ramsey South Promenade Changing – Mr. Beighton advised members of his understanding that the Manx Sailing and Cruising Club's willingness to meet the Commission to discuss this matter. Mr. Court asked if a design could yet be considered. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members it was not yet appropriate to consider design as further liaison with interested parties needs to be undertaken because of differing views.

Bus Services – the Town Clerk confirmed that he had written on this matter but would address the matter again with the new Minister and new Chief Executive.

(2022/23:046) Action Tracker Budget Approved Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 8th June, 2022, subject to the following:-

Station Road Car Park Resurface: Mr. Singer drew attention to ponding occurring at the car park – Members were informed that the works agreed by the Commission and undertaken had been for resurfacing only and not re-levelling; plaining-out and levelling having been considered too expensive an option.

(2022/23:047) Chairman's Report – June 2022:

Resolved: To note the Chairman's Report, with additional content by the Deputy Chairman, dated 7th June, 2022.

Mr. Williams reiterated thanks recorded to everyone involved with TT events in Ramsey in any way.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:048) Town Clerk's Report – Bircham Avenue Close Area – Manx Telecom Wayleave:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 31st May, 2022, concerning the request made by Manx Telecom that a wayleave be granted to enable them to place telegraph poles as part of the fibre broadband roll out strategy at 5 points on land in the Commissioners' ownership.

Mr. McGuinness referred to the need for cable fittings to be attached to the render of properties in the Commission's ownership. The Housing and Property Manager advised that there are no plans to undertake works to the external render of properties in the area for the next five years at least.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed to approve the request subject to the submission and approval of the necessary petition to the Department of Infrastructure.

In response to a query from Mr. Singer it was confirmed that Manx Telecom will maintain the poles.

(2022/23:049) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's general report dated 7th June, 2022.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:050) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 7th June, 2022, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted subject to the following:-

REF NO:	3992
P.A. NO.:	<u>22/00520/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Proposed erection of dwelling
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	Land to the West of 17 Royal Park, Ramsey

Mr. Singer queried if the land was or had been in public use and was advised not – it had been left blank and not offered as public open space. In response to a request from Mr. Cowell the Technical Services Manager read Sections 2(b) and (c) of the General Policy of the Strategic Plan.

(2022/23:050) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:

Resolved: Following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed that the Commission object to the proposal which they consider to be over intensive.

REF NO: 3996
P.A. NO.: 22/00614/B
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement windows (Retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Harbour Bistro Shipdesign House, East Quay, Ramsey.**

Mr. Williams stated that he felt that Conservation Areas were too restricting in permitted works and therefore proposed that the Commission raise no objection to the retrospective application; Mr. Cowell seconded and the resolution was carried without division.

Mr. McGuinness expressed concern at an increasing number of retrospective planning applications but expressed he had no problems insofar as windows are concerned.

Mr. Young reminded members that the Board has a long-standing precedent for making no objection to window replacement applications.

Appendix:

No comments were made on the appendices to the Technical Services Manager's report.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:051) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Chris Kelly Manx Stages Rally:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 7th June, 2022, advising that Manx Auto Sport are to run a stage of the Chris Kelly Manx Stages Rally in Ramsey on the evening of 30th September, 2022, and in respect of which they are seeking the support of the Commission and assistance by way of the provision of barriers.

Mr. Bighton commended support of the event but queried the times, pedestrian crossings and business access. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the road closure for events of this type is arranged by the organisers; there is a requirement to suspend parking from 5 p.m. and the event will be run from 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 p.m. which includes a contingency to allow for delays.

(2022/23:051) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Chris Kelly Manx Stages Rally Continued:

Ms Craine queried if adequate insurance was in place to cover the Swing Bridge in particular and was advised that the Bridge is in the ownership of Government and it is the responsibility of the organisers to hold adequate insurance.

Mr. Singer queried if the Commission checked the insurance and was advised that it would need to be evidenced to the Department as part of the event organisation process.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to support the event.

(2022/23:052) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Royal British Legion Jubilee Street Party:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 7th June, 2022, advising of the request made by Ramsey Branch of the Royal British to hold a Jubilee Street Party on 14th August, 2022, at the Courthouse Grounds, between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m.

Mr. Beighton queried the extent of the proposed road closure on "Court Row and the areas of Parliament Street and Bourne Place around Ramsey Courthouse" and suggested a compromise to allow access to businesses and Market Hill.

Mr. Oldham informed members that the proposals did not include closure of Court Row. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the email correspondence from the RBL did include Court Row. Mr. Beighton asked if the parking bay outside "Feltons'" premises would be available to customers of that business. Mr. Oldham informed members that at similar events a ride was placed in that area.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed, that subject to clarification of the event be supported and a road closing order be applied for. Access in both directions from Court Row at its junction with Bourne Place/ Peel Street will be ensured.

(2022/23:053) Public Correspondence:

Resolved: To note those items of Public Correspondence at 7th June, 2022, brought to members' attention as hereunder and subject to any included comments:

- Civic Sunday – Douglas 3rd July 2022.
- Manx International Stage Race 2022
- Closure of Public Right of Way 632 (River Bank Road - to Whitebridge).
- Road Closure and Road Works Jurby Road
- Isle of Man Newspapers- The Business Club
- Implementation of 20mph Zone – in response to a query, members were reminded that road line markings are yet to be completed. Members asked that the zoning be publicised.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:054) Notice of Motion – Sprintfest:

The Chairman indicated, in terms of Standing Order 14, his concurrence to the matter being considered at this meeting.

Mr. Cowell presented the Notice of Motion dated 7th June, 2022, standing in his name concerning Sprintfest and in so doing confirmed that Sprintfest was a great event but wished the event to be reviewed, such review to include an economic impact study; to see how it could be improved and taken forward, he felt that the road closures were “heavy handed”, expressed concern that the 2023 proposed TT Schedule could cause difficulties. Mr. Cowell also requested details of the cost to the town of running the event to be analysed and made known.

Mr. McGuinness asked if this was a 2-point proposal, and on being informed by Mr. Cowell that it was, agreed to second it subject to the Commission committing to running the event in 2023. Mr. Cowell felt it would be difficult to commit to the event prior to the review. Mr. Singer asked who would undertake the economic impact study. The Town Clerk advised that the Department of Infrastructure undertake a Business Impact Assessment and their template could be adapted although it would take time.

Mr. Singer proposed that the matter be deferred for one month. This was seconded by Ms Craine.

Mr. Cowell stated that he was only seeking a simple study. Mr. Court expressed that there were pros and cons to the event and purpose and its audiences; he queried to whom the impact study would be targeted and felt the need to commit.

Mr. McGuinness reminded members of the history of the event and how it had grown because of the “Ramsey Sprint”; he was in favour of the economic but felt any unnecessary delay would be detrimental.

Ms Craine queried whether members with business interests in the area should declare any interest as there was possibly a conflict of interest. The Town Clerk advised that so long as any members were not undertaking the study there was no conflict. The Chairman reminded members that it was down to individual members to declare interests.

Mr. Singer’s proposal about a deferral was put to the vote and failed on the casting vote of the Chairman. Messrs. Beighton, Greenwood, Kelly, Oldham, Singer, and Young voting for the deferral.

(2022/23:054) Notice of Motion – Sprintfest Continued:

Mr. McGuinness proposed an amendment seconded by Mr. Court that the study progress but the Commission commit to the 4-day event at the Market Place.

Mr. Williams put a further amendment that the Commission commit to Sprintfest 2013 with no time frame. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Kelly, put to the vote and carried by 10 votes to 2 Ms. Craine and Mr. Parker voting against.

In response to a query from Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Williams confirmed that his amendment reflected undertaking the impact study and retaining the venue for Sprintfest.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:055) Sundry Matters – Raised by Members:

Social Media - Mr. Kelly referred to statements being published via social media networks and queried if any training could be given to members. Members were informed that a similar exercise had been undertaken some years ago and investigations would be given into suitable persons to do this and the costs involved.

Ramsey Bakery Premises – Mr. Singer asked if any plans were known for the Ramsey Bakery site and was informed that the Commission had not been made aware of any.

Manx Wildlife Trust – Ms Craine drew attention to concerns raised by the Manx Wildlife Trust about strimming undertaken in the vicinity of the swimming pool. Members were informed that the area to which Ms Craine was referring was under the control of the Department of Infrastructure who had undertaken the work.

Bay Raft Anchor – Mr. Court drew attention to the exposed raft anchor – which will be investigated.

“Bull Rock” Steps etc., - Mr. Court drew attention to the condition of the rail and steps at the “Bull Rock”. This matter is the responsibility of and will be drawn to the attention of the Department of Infrastructure.

TT Consultation – Mr. Parker referred to the TT 2013 Consultation which he felt members should respond to in view of possible impacts to the town by way of events, refuse collections. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the consultation was undertaken last year but indicated that the Business Development Manager of the T.T. was prepared to come and talk to the Commissioners. Resolved that following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the offer to meet be accepted.

Supercar Event - Mr. Cowell referred to the success of the “Super-Cars Event” and informed members of his understanding that the organisers wish to repeat the event in 2023 – Mr. Cowell suggested the Commission investigate making better use of the Town Hall for events around the TT fortnight.

(2022/23:056) Ramsey AFC Campsite Refuse Charges:

The Town Clerk informed members that Ramsey AFC had written in response to the decision to apply refuse charges and wished the content to be conveyed to the Board. The letter referred to the charitable status of the Club and emphasises the huge importance of the campsite over the last 26 years for the Club's income. The Club ask the Commission to reflect upon and review the decision to apply charges.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the matter to be considered.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 11 votes to 1, Mr. Kelly voting against, to reverse the decision to apply refuse collection charges for Ramsey AFC.

(2022/23:057) Sundry Matters – Brought to the attention of Members:

Town Boundary Extension – the Town Clerk informed members that he had received the first draft of the Order for the proposed boundary extension – which he will copy to members.

Works Required Public Rights of Way – the Town Clerk reported receipt of notification from the Department of Infrastructure concerning proposed works to 2 Rights of Way, namely:-

- PROW 632 which runs from Riverbank Road to the White Bridge and has been in need of repair for many years (I believe since the rains in 2015). It has been severely eroded by a broken drainpipe and is impassable to almost all. In the coming months a number of road works will be undertaken in the north of the Island, from which the materials extracted could be used to repair PROW 632.
- PROW 629 is shown on the Department's records as running from Ballure Promenade to the beach; however, a map produced at the Town Hall shows it running from Ballure Road to Ballure Promenade and then onto the beach. The confusion is exacerbated by the fact that the Department has at some point erected PROW signage on Ballure Road. A footway follows the property boundary of Dunluce off Ballure Road and partially down the section in question.

The Town Clerk indicated that it would be beneficial if the Department could be granted permission to proceed but that he would send the proposals to members for review. Mr. Williams, as a point of transparency, indicated that he had sent to the correspondence from the Department.

Department of Enterprise Business Grants – a further reminder was given that the Department of Enterprise officers would be in attendance at the Courthouse, on 16th June, between 2 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. and give advice / information about grants available to local businesses.

Meetings – reminders were given about the meeting about the Quayside on Monday, 20th June, and the Special Board Meeting on 23rd June, 2022, when the Commission will meet the Ambulance Service and the Brewery.

(2022/23:057) Sundry Matters – Brought to the attention of Members Continued:

Declarations of Interest – members were reminded to submit, even if it is a “nil-return” the pro-forma for Declarations of Interest.

(2022/23:058) Representative Report:-

Resolved: To note the tabled representative report submitted by Mr. McGuinness in respect of a recent meeting of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board. Members noted that the new Order is progressing but the views submitted had not been listened too during the consultation.

It was proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed that the Commission’s views be conveyed to the new Minister, new Chief Executive and the Members of the House of Keys representing those parishes comprising the Board.

The Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and closed the public session at 8.15 p.m.

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

(2022/23:059) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes from the Board meeting held on 18th May, 2022, were recorded in private.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:060) Policy Committee:

Resolved: To note the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 25th May, 2022, subject to the following:-

Household Refuse Collection Policy:-

- Mr. Parker referred to the disposal of medical waste and asked that the policy be suitably worded to include the correct disposal of these bags.
- Mr. Singer queried the frequency of refuse collection and asked that the Commission give consideration to fortnightly collections; he also queried the non-collection of refuse because bin-lids are not closed and was advised that the over-filling of bins made the bins too heavy to be lifted, refuse being collected the following week or taken by householders to a C.A. site.
- Mr. Singer also queried the fixed penalty fee for fly-tipping of £50 and asked if this was pro-rata to the size of item – he was informed that the penalty was fixed in statute and if not paid the prosecution fine £2,500 was also fixed in statute. Mr. McGuinness ask that investigation be made to determine whether the Commission could charge for the disposal of items fly-tipped.

(2022/23:060) Policy Committee Continued:

Cycle to Work Policy:-

- Mr. Singer queried the policy and asked whether this policy had any residential proximity constraints and was informed not as the policy is framed having regard to the Government's policy encouraging health and well-being.
- Ms Craine queried when the policy would next be reviewed and was advised that this information is included in all approved policies.

A Boards Policy:

Mr. Cowell asked if the Policy could be presented to the full board for further consideration. Members were reminded that Standing Orders would require to be suspended to allow the matter to be discussed. It was proposed by Mr. Cowell seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 9 votes to 3, to suspend standing orders, Ms Craine and Messrs. Greenwood and Parker voted against.

Mr. McGuinness summarised the Policy Committee's discussions on this matter which resulted in no changes being made to the Policy; regard was had to the Highway Act and requirements of those with sight-impairment or mobility needs. No further action was decided upon.

Ms Craine referred to the Commission's approved Menopause Policy and asked if reference to its adoption could be given some publicity.

(2022/23:061) On-Going Matters "Action Tracker" :

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 8th June, 2022. Mr. McGuinness asked that the Target Completion dates could be updated. Ms Craine asked if any updates since a previous meeting could be reflected in a different coloured font as is the case in the Ruinous Property...Register.

(2022/23:062) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the "Register of Ruinous Property .." to 8th June, 2022, , subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- ***Bleak House*** – The Town Clerk verbally reported on a recent meeting with the prospective owner of the freehold and presented a final offer made, double that reported last month Mr. McGuinness queried the legal option sought and was advised that the debt is against the freeholder. Ms Craine queried why the debt was not against a Management Company and was advised that the freeholder was the only tangible source for recovery; the advocate being confident that the debt could be recoverable although it could be a long and protracted legal process, the cost of which was not known. The Town Clerk produced a summary of the costs incurred by the Commission with regard to this property.

(2022/23:062) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings Continued:

A proposal was made by Mr. Beighton and seconded by Mr. Singer that the Commission accept the offer. Members were advised that it is clear from documents First Registered in 2009 what land was in the Commission's ownership. A proposal by Ms Craine that the Commission go back and seek a greater settlement amount did not receive a seconder.

Mr. McGuinness suggested the Town Clerk be delegated power to negotiate a final settlement; this was seconded by Ms. Craine, who withdrew her previous proposal. A proposal by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Commission accept the offer failed by 8 votes to 4; Ms Craine and Mr. McGuinness voting in favour with the proposer and seconder.

The original proposal put by Mr. Beighton and seconded by Mr. Singer was put and was carried by 9 votes to 3, Ms Craine and Messrs. McGuinness and Oldham voted against.

- ***The Holly Grove Mount*** – Mr. Singer queried progress and asked if the item should be removed from the list. The Chairman asked that further content be included on this register entry.
- ***5, College Street*** - Mr. Cowell referred to the ongoing problems with this property; members were informed that it is understood that the premises have been sold subject to satisfactory parking facilities being provided in the vicinity. He queried if the Commission had any liability with regard to the condition – members were advised that the owners and police are fully aware of the conditions.
- ***Victoria Mall*** - Victoria Mall – Mr. Beighton referred to some new businesses in the Victoria Mall and queried the rateable status of the units. Members were informed that it is understood a Demolition Order has been granted; that the Town Clerk is attempting to meet the owner and that rates are still chargeable.
- ***Seymour House, Ballure Road*** – the Technical Services Manager advised that rates have been reinstated and the matter is with advocates.
- ***The Jewel Box*** – Mr. Cowell queried progress and members were informed that there were understood to be internal issues; a planning application had been submitted about which the Technical Services Manager will ask for an update.
- ***67 Parliament Street*** – the Technical Services Manager sought the Board's permission to serve Notice on the owner of these premises as the work promised to be undertaken had not been carried out. It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that Notice be Served. Mr. McGuinness referred to the change of entrance and queried if the necessary planning permission had been obtained – it was noted that this would need to be checked.

Ms Craine queried the status of the planning application for the site of "Auldyn House" and was informed that the developer has, in terms of the planning approval, 4 years to commence works.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:063) Town Clerk's Report – Interested Business:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 1st June, 2022, advising of an approach by a business interested in setting up in Ramsey and asking about using part of the Albert Road School Site.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed that whilst the Commission welcome this incentive they feel they cannot consider part of the Albert Road site suitable for the proposals but would be pleased to welcome the business and offer any assistance in identifying an alternative site.

(2022/23:064) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 7th June, 2022. Several questions with regard to allocation of expenditure / budget figures were explained to members' satisfaction.

(2022/23:065) Technical Services Manager's Report – Purchase of Land on Railway Line:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 6th June, 2022, advising of a new formal request from a resident whose property abuts the former railway line to purchase some land.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the request and afford the opportunity to all property owners to purchase land. Members were reminded that the sale would be subject to Government approval, at a price per square metre recommended by the Government Valuer and the purchaser meeting all legal costs. The Deputy Town Clerk declared an interest due to residential proximity.

Members then referred to those property owners who had encroached the railway line and it was proposed by Mr. Singer seconded by Ms Craine that the offenders be given 6 months to reinstate the land. Mr. Parker queried how many properties had encroached and Ms Craine queried that the Commission had already decided the matter. Mr. McGuinness confirmed that the Commission had discussed the encroachment and the matter now presented was a new offer to purchase.

The proposal by Mr. Singer to apply a time factor for those encroaching the line was carried by 10 votes to 2, Messrs. Cowell and Young voting against.

Mr. McGuinness's original proposal was then put and carried without division.

(2022/23:066) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's detailed report dated 7th June, 2022, concerning appeals submitted in respect of fixed penalty notices issued by the Town Warden.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that the appeals be rejected and the penalty notices be upheld.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:067) Town Clerk's Report – Kerbside Recycling:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 24th May, 2022, concerning a kerbside recycling subscription service in the Isle of Man. Members noted various options proposed whereby a local authority could contribute towards the service.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Singer that the Commission make no contribution as the service provider is a private business. Ms Craine proposed that the Commission pay 50% of the costs because of the importance of recycling did not receive a seconder.

It was proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to its conclusion.

A further proposal was put by Mr. Williams that the Commission inform the service provider that the Commission cannot support a single business and invite tenders for kerbside collections. Mr. McGuinness retracted his proposal and seconded that of Mr. Williams which was carried by 8 votes to 4 – Ms Craine and Messrs. Greenwood, Parker and Singer voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:068) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Albert Street Flats:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 1st June, 2022, confirming that the tenants of flats at Albert Street have been made aware of the Commission's intentions to sell these flats, subject to the necessary approvals; and detailing the assistance to be given to tenants who will all be offered suitable alternative property. Discussion ensued with regard to the financial assistance to be given to each tenant and a proposal was made by Mr. Parker, but subsequently withdrawn that the amount be increased.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed without division that the flats be offered for sale and the sum suggested within the recommendation be given to each tenant to assist their transfer of tenancy.

(2022/23:069) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 1st June, 2022, updating members on the progress of the Cronk Elfin refurbishment project.

The Housing and Property Manager advised members that the bathroom arrangements being implemented were at the request of tenants.

(2022/23:070) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Former Albert Road School Plot of Land:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 1st June, 2022, advising of progress with regard to the acquisition and redevelopment of the site of the former Albert Road School.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the necessary Petition for borrowing powers to purchase the site be submitted.

A further proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cowell that enquiry be made from the Department of Infrastructure for the acquisition of the remaining car parking area of the site for nominal consideration, was carried.

(2022/23:071) Private Correspondence:

Resolved: To note the item of Private Correspondence at 8th June, 2022, brought to members' attention concerning a meeting with the Shoprite Group and about which further report will be presented in due course.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:072) Resurfacing Shoprite Car Park:

Mr. Singer referred to the surface of the car park at Station Road which is pitted and has been gouged out in places. Mr. Singer requested that the contractor requested the matter be investigated and the contractor be requested to make good.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22.	FGP	Jul-22	TRKC	May-22	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Awaiting water quality standard to be confirmed. DEFA will be testing for 20 weeks throughout the summer. End date changed to November 2022 (30/5/22). This is to reflect the summer testing required.	Await test results. South Prom to be considered and officers are to engage with stake holders.	PL	Jun-22	SB	Nov-22	
	Mooragh promenade shelter public art.	4th and 5th shelters are currently being painted.	A web page to be set up to showcase the 5 shelters.	PL	Jul-22	SB	Jul-22	
	Toilet Art	Arts Council and artist have committed to do the works last 2 weeks of August.	Artist to confirm if they require RTC to clean and prep surface.	PL	Mar-22	SB	Dec-22	
	Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park, 2 Industrial units used for retail.	Reported for investigation update awaited. Town Clerk has provided property ownership details to Planning Authority as occupier has not submitted appropriate application despite request to do so. Meeting with Enforcement Officer sought to be held on date to be advised. Further property report for alleged breach 25/2/21 and update requested. PEO advise regulating application to be submitted.	Phone called placed to planning 8/2/22. Awaiting determination of actions by Planning Enforcement Officer. No update.	WD	Apr-22	TRKC	Mar-22	
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Petition for a Public Inquiry went to March 2022 Tynwald. Tynwald agreed the Inquiry could be held. Draft Order has been prepared.	Meet with Lezayre and Garff and prepare for the inquiry.	FGP	Jul-22	TRKC	Mar-22	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery. Special Board meeting took place 22 June when the Brewery presented ideas and plans for the buildings.	Continue discussions with the Brewery concerning their intentions with the building.	WD	Jul-22	SB	Sep-22	
Jul-21	Ramsey Swing Bridge (register as a protected building)	Registration has been submitted. Assistant Registered Building Officer contacted and responded 7/2/22 "...hope to be in a position to deal with outstanding requests in the near future..."	TC to chase Registered building officer on a bi-monthly basis. Emailed requesting an update 6/4/22. Response received from the Assistant Registered building officer 19/4/20- no progress. TC chased 30/5/22	WD	Jun-22	TRKC	Apr-21	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	Meeting with Manx Telecom took place on 23/2/22. A plan showing the role out plan was tabled at the meeting. The details information on where poles are to be situated is still to be developed and presented. It is envisaged that there will be 285 houses that require poles in Ramsey. Fibre Broadband will not be complete in Ramsey until June 2024.	Awaiting details of other pole locations in Ramsey from Manx Telecom. The role out continues until June 2024. Awaiting DOI approval for the wayleave associated with the poles on Bircham Avenue Close.	FGP	Jul-22	TRKC	Mar 22 target completion date changed to Dec 22	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelters on Island but DOI do not have the funds for installation. TC submitted planning applications 29/4/22.Rear of Town Hall £1820,Station Road Car Park £1670.	Awaiting planning approval.	WD	Jul-22	BW	Apr-22	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22.	Legal transfer to take place. The playground will be started June 2022. The land transfer will take place following completion of the playground. Physical work to create playground yet to start.	FGP	Jul-22	TRKC	Aug-22	
Jun-18	War Memorial (repair and renovation)	Memorial added the Register of Protected Buildings 2021. TSM to meet the War Memorial committee representative to discuss cleaning of the memorial and future works 10/2/21. No costs have been included in the RTC 2022/23 budget.	Clean the memorial. Prepare project and costs for repairs to the memorial 2023/24 financial year.	WD	Jun-18	BW	Cleaning Apr 22 Repairs 23/24	

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Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Mar-22	Jubilee celebration	Two events are planned, Sunday 24 th July Platinum Picnic in the Park and August Bank Holiday weekend Royal Ramsey Rocks on the quay. A grant application for £5,000 to support these events was submitted in May and has been approved.	Poster designed for Platinum Picnic in the Park, Hello Little People booked to organise sports day, rides booked. Planning started for Royal Ramsey Rocks.	PL	Jul-22	SB	Aug-22	
Apr-22	Ramsey South Prom changing huts	Location for hut agreed with the DOI (as this area is all highway) and RNLI.	Speak to swimmers and Sailing club and prepare and submit planning application.	PL	Jul-22	SB	Dec-22	
May-22	Bus services	DTC wrote to Bus Vannin 21/4/22 regarding TT bus service and evening bus services towards the west. TC wrote to the new DOI Minister June 22.	Bus Vannin replied and letter appended.	FGP	Jul-22	SB	Jun-22	
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	40 out of 100 bags sold	Competition?		Jul-22	SB	Jul-22	

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Mar-22	RCV replacement	Details of weighing system to be sorted before order can be placed as this impacts the build. There is a 32week lead time. There is a new quote for wagon, and the total package is approx. £200K.	Awaiting petition approval	WD	Jun-22	BW	Feb-23	
2	Mar-22	Fleet Vehicle Overhaul	Both delivered	Awaiting petition approval	WD	Jun-22	BW	Dec-22	
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed (likely to be done after TT).	Complete works	WD	Jun-22	BW	Apr-22	
4	Mar-22	Mooragh Park re surface	Complete	Review surface with contractor	WD	Jun-22	BW	Apr-22	
5	Mar-22	Poyll Dooley Car park re surface	Complete	Complete	WD	Jun-22	BW	Apr-22	
6	Mar-22	Street Lights NDT	Quotation requested from the MUA, petition submitted to DOI awaiting approval	Continue to chase MUA (BW chasing fortnightly)	WD	Jun-22	BW	Mar-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation requested from the MUA, petition submitted to DOI awaiting approval	Continue to chase MUA (BW chasing fortnightly)	WD	Jun-22	BW	Mar-23	
8	Mar-22	Street Lights Lezayre Road	Quotation requested from the MUA, petition submitted to DOI awaiting approval	Continue to chase MUA (BW chasing fortnightly)	WD	Jun-22	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation requested from the MUA, petition submitted to DOI awaiting approval	Continue to chase MUA (BW chasing fortnightly)	WD	Jun-22	BW	Mar-23	
10	Mar-22	Street Lights New Street Lights	Quotation requested from the MUA, petition submitted to DOI awaiting approval	Continue to chase MUA (BW chasing fortnightly)	WD	Jun-22	BW	Mar-23	
11	Mar-22	Wheelie Bins	Order placed		WD	Jun-22	BW	Sep-22	
12	Mar-22	Litter Bins	Complete	Complete	WD	Jun-22	BW	Jun-22	
13	Mar-22	Bin Weigh upgrade	In discussions with WVS about the system.	Awaiting petition approval	WD	Jun-22	BW	Feb-23	
15	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting	Awaiting prices.	Prepare and submit grant application	WD	Jun-22	BW	Oct-22	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.		HP	Jun-22	RK	Sep-22	
17	Mar-22	Library Cabinet	Estates and housing have measured up and purchased materials.	Cabinet to be constructed.	HP	Jun-22	RK	Sep-22	

There were originally 19 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
JULY 2022 - PUBLIC**

Fellow Members,

RNLI Lifeboat Naming Ceremony

I attended the naming ceremony for the RNLB Ann and James Ritchie II. Ramsey is a community whose lifeline historically has been the sea and the RNLI and its volunteers have been essential to keeping our residents safe. New lifeboats are not something that happen very often and so it was an honour to have been there to bear witness. I hope for a long and safe working life for her and all the volunteers.

Tynwald Celebrations

I also attended the Tynwald Garden Party and Tynwald day. Tynwald Day is something unique to the Isle of Man and to represent the Town on the hill was a privilege. It also served as an excellent networking opportunity where I met with fellow Chairs from across the Island's local authorities. I was also particularly impressed and believe it is worth noting that the Lieutenant Governor chose to say his parts of the ceremony in Manx – something which has not occurred in living memory and a sign of his commitment as Governor.

13th July, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
JULY 2022 - 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 June 2022 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 30th June 2022 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £1,955,397.88 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £24,620.22 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in June 2022. 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 2022-23 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 30th June 2022 together with associated graphical depiction is attached at Appendix 2. The graphical disclosures are both month-by-month and cumulative figures.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account and are to be financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2022-23 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£152,503.
Station Road car park re-surfacing	£46,229.
New vehicles	£54,964.
New litter bins	£103,614.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During June 2022 a £318,966 payment from the Treasury was received being the second instalment of rate income for the 2022-23 financial year (for comparison £293,654 was received in June 2021).

At 30th June the total 2022-23 rate income receipts were £637,932 (2021-22 £587,308).

Further rates income is expected in July, December and March.

Recommendation: To be noted.

13th July 2022

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

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Accounts paid to the 30 June 2022

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
IOM Government	2022-23 rates	546,554.40
Banks	Loan capital repayments	436,768.51
Banks	Loan interest payments	377,832.65
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	192,570.00
Glasdon UK Ltd.	New litter bin surrounds	124,336.39
Various	Housing - Cronk Elfin refurbishment programme	68,512.92
K & R Parts Ltd.	New vehicles	65,956.80
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	31,615.89
IOM Government	Waste disposal charges	30,348.98
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	13,523.36
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	12,088.43
Various	Town events	10,113.48
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	7,382.61
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	7,381.79
Various	Park materials	7,329.65
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	4,217.85
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	2,762.56
Various	IT costs	2,312.45
Various	Contract cleaning	2,000.00
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	1,915.60
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,807.50
Various	Legal & professional fees - non-housing	1,588.70
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,439.12
Manx Telecom	Phones	1,308.83
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	1,291.92
Various	Security & safety	1,245.07
Various	Media advertising costs	955.47
Various	Machinery repair & servicing	236.95
		<u>1,955,397.88</u>
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	11,324.88
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	Waste skip haulage	7,638.00
Various	Recycling charges	3,452.63
Various	Contract labour	944.21
Various	Equipment service & repair	484.80
Various	Site maintenance	363.50
Manx Utilities	Heat & light	187.27
Manx Telecom	Telephones	84.06
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	79.99
Various	Staff PPE	36.00
Bank	Charges	24.88
		<u>24,620.22</u>

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Suppliers utilised during June 2022

Appendix 1

Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Keenan Construction Services Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Kirby Garden Centre	IOM
Ashcrofts (1997) Ltd.	IOM	Legg Surfacing Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Marksman Locksmith	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Chris Johns	IOM	M & F Security Ltd.	IOM
Clad Safety Ltd.	UK	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Colas IOM Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Crossroads Manx Workshops	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
D Q Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Rugby Club	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
EPL Ltd.	IOM	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Excellent Ramp Systems IOM Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Showtech IOM	IOM
Flagpole Express	UK	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
Glasdon UK Ltd.	UK	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Gray Law Advocates	IOM	Switched-on Entertainment & Events Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Hello Little People	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Voodoo Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Watsons Nurseries Ltd.	IOM
IS Oxford Ltd.	UK	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
K & R Parts Ltd.	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30 JUNE 2022 - Appendix 2

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	1,410,175	1,460,009	(49,834)	4,246,834	4,337,145	(90,311)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghllass	65	0	65	270	0	270
Brookfield Court	4,762	2,629	2,133	19,795	13,450	6,345
Close ny Mooragh	11,309	5,706	5,603	35,225	32,050	3,175
Sub Total	£1,426,311	£1,468,344	(£42,033)	£4,302,124	£4,382,645	(£80,521)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	55,897	17,388	38,509	220,300	22,160	198,140
Workshops	31,404	0	31,404	72,810	0	72,810
Public Conveniences	13,602	0	13,602	58,890	0	58,890
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	5,309	1,050	4,259	10,955	4,000	6,955
Mansail Lease	1,635	3,812	(2,177)	4,510	10,430	(5,920)
Lakeside Centre	1,763	4,153	(2,390)	6,220	11,630	(5,410)
Parklands Day Nursery	700	5,095	(4,395)	2,605	18,610	(16,005)
Bowling Alley	0	3,750	(3,750)	1,760	15,000	(13,240)
Non-Lease Properties	1,486	0	1,486	5,395	0	5,395
Prom shelters, benches, signs	8,218	0	8,218	14,315	0	14,315
Private Property Repairs	107	0	107	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	0	0	0	1,134	0	1,134
Apprentices	4,502	1,234	3,268	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	2,078	1,459	619	35,610	39,171	(3,561)
Park assets	13,422	0	13,422	62,215	0	62,215
Sub Total	£154,923	£37,941	£116,982	£522,019	£121,001	£401,018

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	2,309	0	2,309	1,955	0	1,955
Car Parks	5,598	16,505	(10,907)	22,689	25,505	(2,816)
Refuse Removal	156,526	23,949	132,577	828,295	100,000	728,295
Civic Amenity contribution	53,940	0	53,940	215,758	0	215,758
Sewers & Pumps	26,112	26,112	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	15,918	0	15,918	111,356	0	111,356
Decorative maint.	1,428	0	1,428	16,830	0	16,830
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	32,535	0	32,535	134,342	0	134,342
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£294,366	£66,566	£227,800	£1,460,725	£230,005	£1,230,720

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	27,808	9,950	17,858	76,865	24,375	52,490
Parks & Gardens	49,561	12	49,549	238,267	600	237,667
Games Concessions	50	0	50	2,030	0	2,030
Public Library	34,654	1,590	33,064	142,140	8,700	133,440
Sub Total	£112,073	£11,552	£100,521	£459,302	£33,675	£425,627

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	13,312	0	13,312	99,700	0	99,700
Office Expenses	237,175	9,480	227,695	1,016,210	94,530	921,680
Sundry Expenses	2,082	0	2,082	11,330	0	11,330
Miscellaneous	9,223	11,658	(2,435)	37,480	24,600	12,880
Swimming Pool	0	0	0	44,020	0	44,020
Town Band	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	419	96	323	1,300	0	1,300
Sub Total	£262,211	£21,234	£240,977	£1,212,040	£119,130	£1,092,910

TOTAL	£2,249,884	£1,605,637	£644,247	£7,956,210	£4,886,456	£3,069,754
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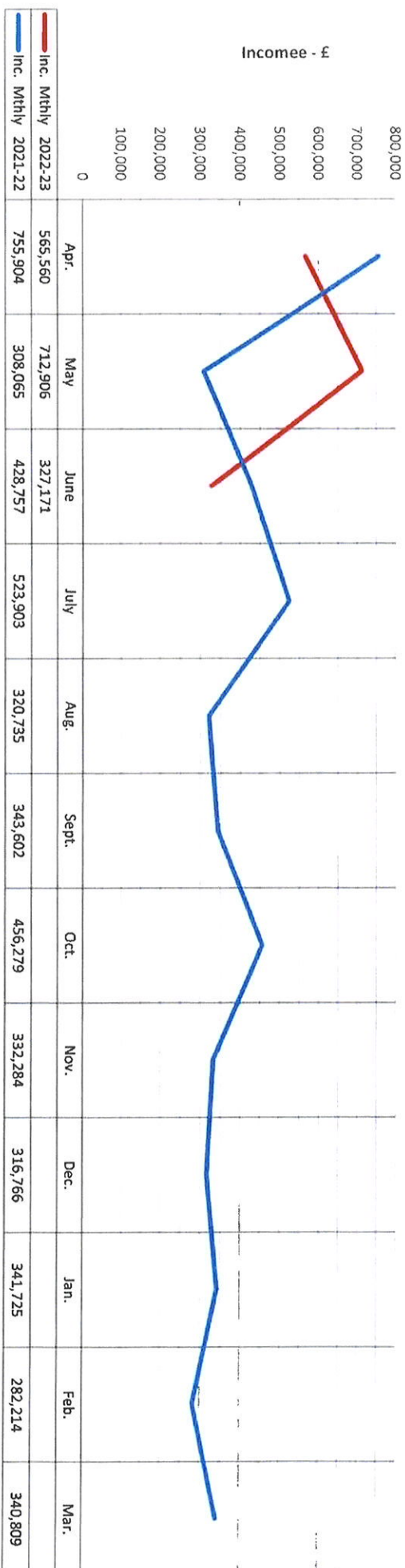
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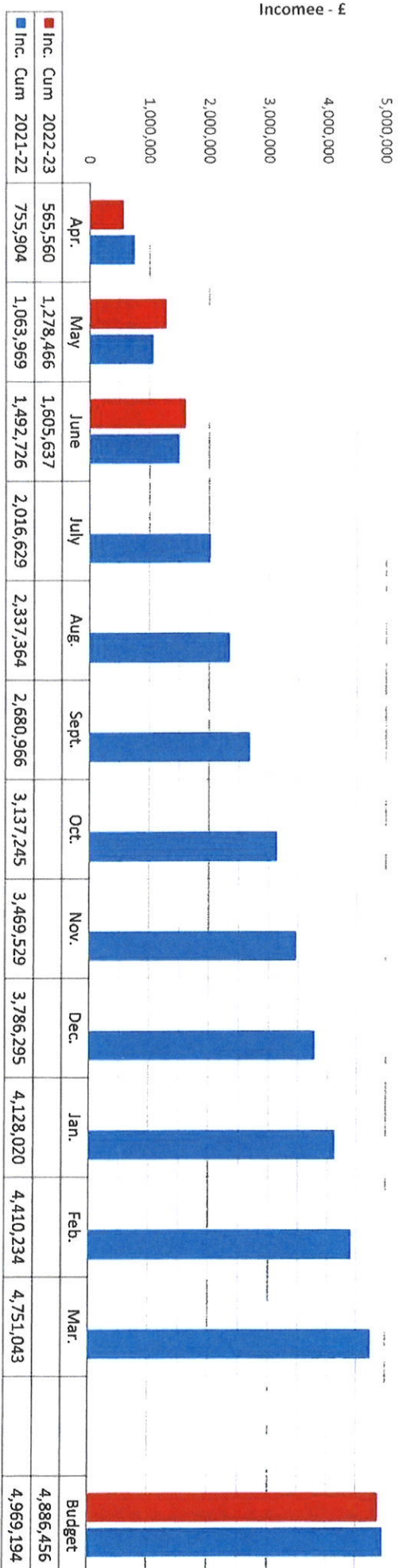
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30 JUNE 2022

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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



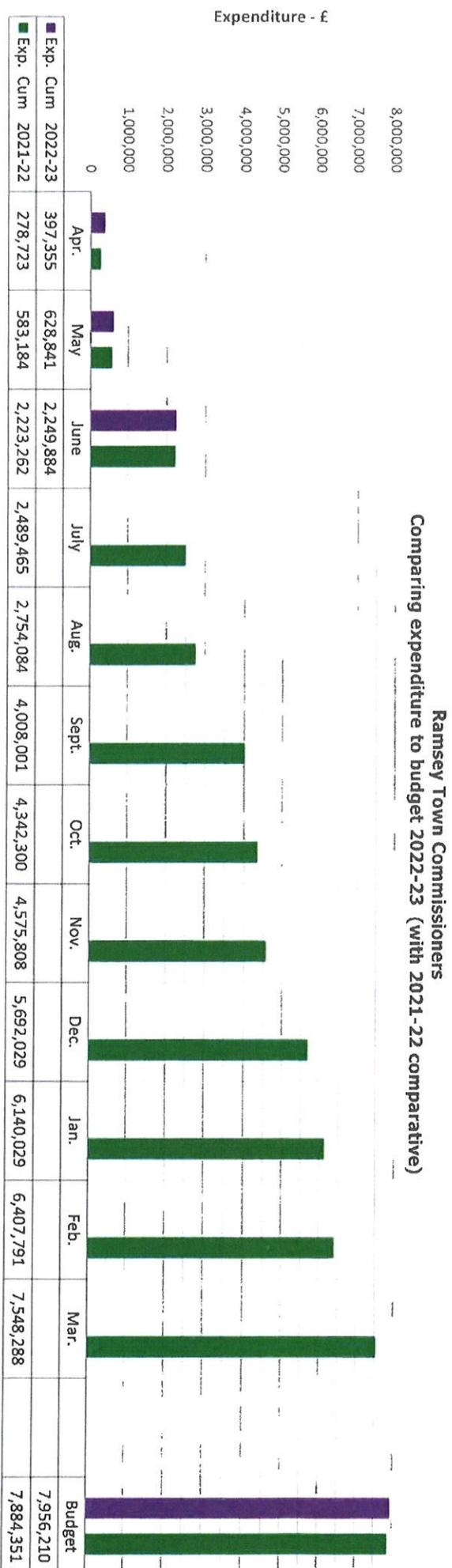
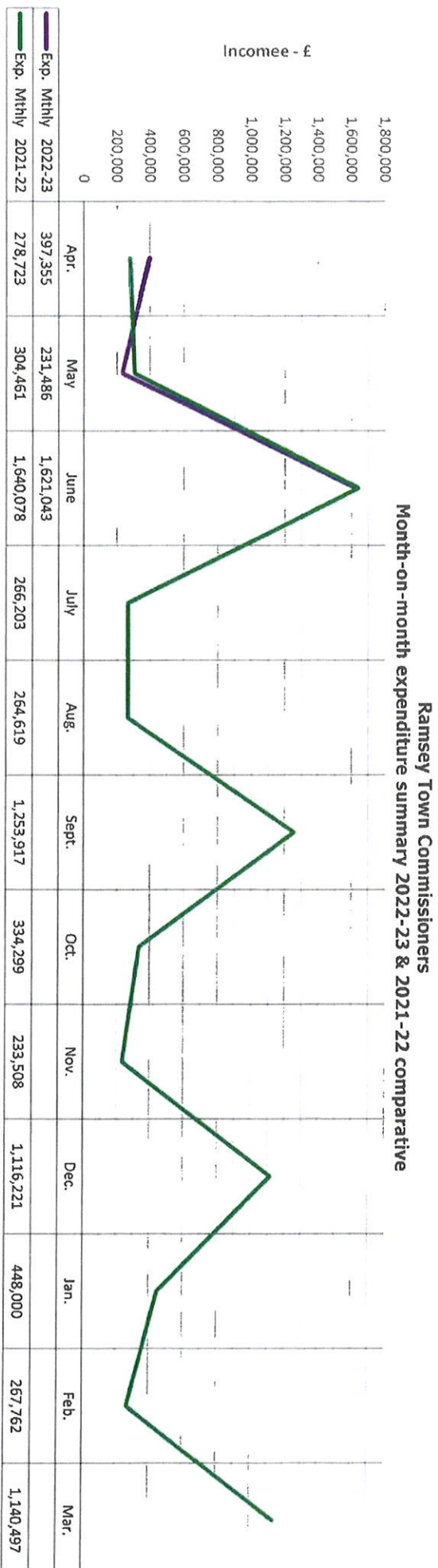
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Comparing income to budget 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)



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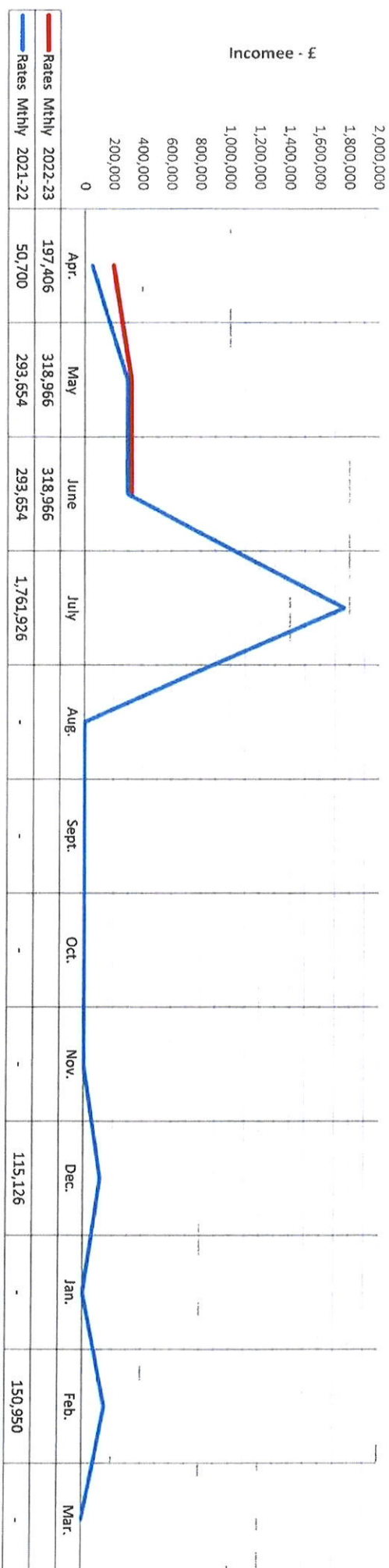


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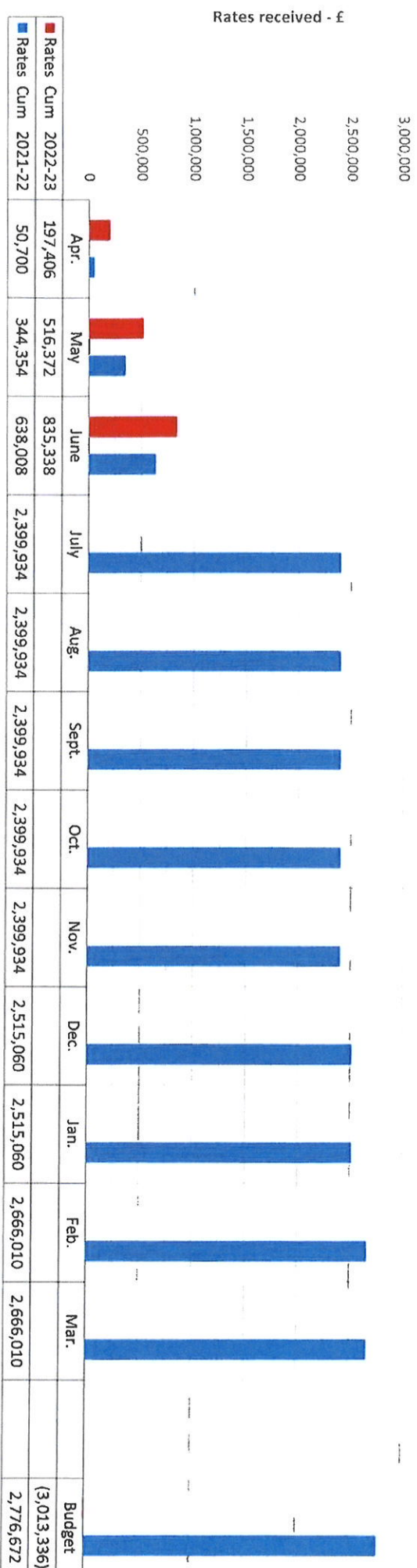
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Town rates received 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
AREA PLAN FOR THE NORTH AND WEST
JULY, 2022, PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Draft Area Plan for the North and West has been provided via the Cabinet Office. A copy of the proposals has been on display at the Town Hall and leaflets have been provided to households. There will be presentation days at the Town Hall, Ramsey, On Wednesday, 20th July, 2022, between 9.30 a.m. until 7.00 p.m.; Thursday, 21st and Friday 22nd July, between 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. and on Saturday, 23rd July between 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

There are a number of points of interest with the Draft Area Plan for the North and West, the points are:

1. The draft plan is to replace the Ramsey Area Plan 1998
2. The draft plan was started in 2019 and will be complete and implemented late 2023/early 2024.
3. It is planned that the Area Plan for the North and West will be replaced by a single All Island Plan in 2026.
4. There are no Strategic reserves proposed in this draft plan.
5. The process of creating a plan and particularly an All-Island Plan by 2026 will be extremely challenging in terms of timing.
6. The plan identifies only one substantial site for residential development close to Ramsey and that is the site in Lezayre close to the Sulby River that has recently been brought to planning for the development of 132 houses.
7. The Sulby Riverside site (which is currently the subject of a planning application) has had its designation changed from Light Industrial to Open Space.
8. The main plan for Ramsey is to develop underutilized sites and to bring current old buildings back into use by renovation and regeneration. This is coupled to an increase in population density.
9. Carbon emissions are to be reduced whilst reusing old buildings.
10. Ramsey could become very unattractive to developers and development if there is not some mechanism of grant assistance to assist in the regeneration and re use of building whilst improving the carbon emissions that they produce.
11. A Comprehensive Treatment Area has been defined at "West Quay and Sulby River (this covers Station Road Car Park, Ramsey Bakery and the old Mart site). The Comprehensive Treatment Area is to create a master plan for the area for the development and improve the process for attracting development and acquiring planning consent for development. The Cabinet Office shall produce a feasibility study for this area within 12 months of adoption of the plan.

**Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan North and West -
July, 2022 - Public Continued:**

I set out below a draft response to the Consultation which is currently running and will close in September 2022.

Chapter 1 – An “Area” Approach to Plan Making

Strategic Reserve sites must be included now to ensure that there is not a gap or considerable delay in the plan

Comments:

Timing - The Plan is to be published in late 2023/Early 2024.

The Strategic Plan is due to end 31st March, 2026.

There is the intention to have an All-Area Plan in operation before 2026.

The Area plan for the North and West has no Strategic Reserve Sites this means that the timing for an All-Area Plan that spans the period to 2036 is not feasible.

Strategic Reserve Sites must be added at this stage to give any opportunity of an All-Area Plan for 2026 and a new Strategic Plan to be developed.

As can be seen from this exercise starting in May 2019 and due to be completed late 2023/ early 2024 the process takes 4 / 5 years. Additionally, the last Ramsey Local Plan was from 1998. This plan will not be in place until 25 years have passed.

Chapter 2 – The Role of the Area Plan for the North and West

Comments:

The aim of the plans is good but as the plan will only be in operation from late 2023/Early 2024 and it will be replaced in 2026 with no Strategic Reserve Sites the plan will not fulfil its role as people will look back to the 1998 plan and forward to the All-area plan to try and bring sites forward for development. This is particularly true in Ramsey as the plan focuses on upping population density, infill of sites and development of the Town Centre / Brown field sites.

Chapter 3 – Climate Change and Sustainability:

Comments:

Achieving net carbon zero can only be achieved if the current housing stock is improved and sustainable transport is developed. How this is achieved in relation to the current housing stock is of particular interest. Reducing the requirement for people to travel and to live and work in the same place will be beneficial to Ramsey.

Chapter 4 – National Strategies relevant to the North and West:

Comments:

The recognition of traffic congestion in Parliament Square is good and Ramsey Town Commissioners welcome discussion and ultimately the improvement of the junction. Ramsey Town Commissioners are working with the Department of Infrastructure, Northern Chamber of Commerce and the Manx Fish Producers on the design of the Quay Flood Defences and reconstruction of the highway.

Active travel within Ramsey is feasible and desirable, however active travel initiatives need to be funded by Central Government.

Chapter 5 – A Spatial Vision for the North and West

Comments:

The vision recognizes the importance of people living and working in their community. How jobs and industry is attracted to and then sustained needs to be detailed if not in this document, then in a supporting document from the Department of Enterprise.

As per 5.2.7 identifies most housing focused on Ramsey in line with the current allocations in the Ramsey Local Plan there will be continued regeneration of Ramsey Town Centre, and employment opportunities will be focused on Ramsey Town Centre and Ballachrink.

5.3.3(5) identifies the use of centrally located sites which are vacant and under-used and in a poor state of repair

5.3.4(7) identifies decarbonization as a priority.

For this plan to work Ramsey needs help. Old buildings and brown field sites are the proposed development route, but both are far more expensive to develop than a greenfield site. Ramsey will require grants and assistance to promote development otherwise the aim of people living and working in the community will be too expensive and decarbonization of the Ramsey economy will not happen. This plan needs a Department of Enterprise Plan associated with the prioritization of regenerating unused and under used buildings and land.

Chapter 6 – Landscape and Appearance:

Comments:

None

Chapter 7 – Natural Environment:

Comments:

Ramsey is identified as a “Sustainable Development” area. The area does however need to be expanded to accommodate future growth. Having a plan that will only be in force for 2 years is not acceptable. It needs to be more forward thinking.

7.8 Marine Nature Reserves – Ramsey Bay is a Marine Nature Reserve and this must be recognized in any Marina Development Proposal in Ramsey Bay and as per 7.24.2 A Marina Development in Ramsey needs to take account of all relevant policies and be considered on its own merits.

7.21.2-5 Ramsey Town Commissioners welcome the opportunity to work with Central Government in the development of appropriate flood risk prevention.

Chapter 8 – Built Environment:

Comments:

8.3 Plan outcome 2a and 2b – Reducing unoccupied urban sites and increasing the use of refurbished buildings and upper floors coupled with 8.6 low occupancy rates of 16% mean that help will be required to redevelop and refurbish the buildings in Ramsey. A comprehensive treatment area is good, but it needs to be backed by appropriate funding and it must not be done half-heartedly or in stages spanning many years as this could stifle development.

Urban Environment Recommendation 1 – It is critical that Ramsey Town Commissioners work together with all appropriate Departments of Government and the Manx Development Partnership.

Built Environment Proposal 3 – increasing population density / housing density make better use of the available land. However, increasing average density (dhp) from 18 to 103 means an almost 6-fold increase in population density. Redevelopment of brown field existing sites and buildings and using upper floors is not “normal” on the Isle of Man and finance is required to support this plan.

One comment that is welcomed from 8.17.4 “New Development should not serve mimic existing development but be of its time.” – Ramsey does not need to be a mock Victorian Town!

Chapter 9 – Our Town and Village Centres:

Comments:

Retaining Existing Buildings and bringing buildings back into use is a theme repeated through the Ramey Town Centre proposals. Buildings will need to be knocked down and rebuilt to address flood risks and to achieve climate change targets at a reasonable cost. New development should look like new development and not simply hark back to former times. New buildings do need to be sympathetic to their location but also of their time and be of high-quality design.

How buildings are brought back into active use needs to be addressed and plans to support the process detailed.

Park and Ride facilities need to be developed but they can not all be in prime Town Centre locations.

Chapter 10 – Transport and Utilities:

Comments:

Plan Objective 3. Travel times and congestion levels in Ramsey remain at acceptable levels – Parliament Square needs to be addressed with changes to the junction and MOVA control of the signals.

Plan Objective 5. Telecom infrastructure needs to be integrated into the design phase. Currently Manx Telecom are looking to site poles in a number of locations for fibre broadband roll out. Ramsey Town Commissioners support this objective and the Telecom infrastructure should be designed and placed underground for new developments.

10.8.3 The fact that no fossil fuel heating systems can be installed after 1st January 2025 means that heating systems for redeveloped buildings will be costly and further drive up the cost of the renovation of these buildings.

10.11.4 No sites should be used specifically for solar panels. Solar panels should be installed on roofs prior to any other land being used or considered by them.

Utilities Proposal 10 An electricity interconnector at Balladoole is to be welcomed to balance any renewable energy generated on Island and to ensure power security for the North.

Waste Proposal 2.

The retention of Wright's Pit should only be as a strategic reserve.

Chapter 11 - Employment

Comments:

The visions of this plan are far reaching into the future. However, it is incomplete as it does not include strategic reserve sites. The plans need to be written for the next 10 – 20 years so that the content of the plan can be taken in its entirety and put into the proposed Island Plan – 11.1.7 sums this up!

As this part of the plan is only up to 2026 then the area of land identified for employment is also limiting at 1.99 ha. Future proofing Ramsey needs to be addressed as Ramsey is to be a place where people live and work. It needs to be low carbon and provide infrastructure to enable this. The plan needs to cover a longer period.

11.9 Future Economic Strategy – this needs to be in place with this plan so the objectives can be matched.

Chapter 12 – Tourism:

No Comments.

Chapter 13 – Open Space, Recreation, Education, Health and Community Facilities:

Comments:

Plan Objective 5 - Ramsey Town Commissioners welcome working with the Department of Infrastructure and others to ensure better links for walking and cycling are created within the town and in the countryside particularly the development of the old railway line into a national cycle path.

Plan Objective 7 – Safe routes to schools and good play facilities are supported by the Ramsey Town Commissioners.

Site LO 001 By the film studios on Jurby Road would substantially add to sports pitches provision in the North and would be beneficial.

Open Space Community Recommendation 2 - Ramsey Town Commissioners look forward to the right guidance for children's play equipment provision.

Chapter 14 – Residential (Housing):

Comments:

Site RR 009 land outside Ramsey south of the former railway line – this site has recently been through the planning process. Sites in North Ramsey or the Riverside site as identified in the Ramsey Local Plan 1998 may be more appropriate as they are closure to the town centre and meet more of the objectives of this plan.

With only 138 new properties available in the residential land development Ramsey is poorly served and the plan is too short sighted.

Do you have any comments on the contents the appendices?

Comments:

A new plan is welcomed as the current plan for Ramsey “Ramsey Local Plan Order 1998” is 24 years old and thinking about the environment, emissions, flooding, travel and active travel were very different / not considered at that time.

Having a plan with a 2-year lifespan is not appropriate as the process of creating or updating a plan takes a number of years and in this case as there are no strategic reserve sites. Does this mean there will have to be another call for sites as and when the Island Plan is developed?

For Ramsey particularly the focus is regeneration and re-use of buildings. This is less attractive than green field development and an economic package to support this type of development is required.

Maps:

Map 1a North – Constraints Environmental:

Comments:

The area of Ramsey that was previously zoned for light industrial use in the 1998 plan has now been give the designation of area of ecological interest. The fields and area previously designated appear on the face of it to be scrubs of little ecological value.

Map 1b North – Constraints Infrastructure:

Comments:

The work to protect South Ramsey from flooding (tidal and fluvial) is important and must be progressed.

The designation of Bowring Road, Andreass Road and Jurby Road in the Plan as District Roads should be revised to Primary Roads as this route is the main crossing of the Sulby River and a primary link to the North of the Island.

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Map 2 North – Landscape Assessment Areas

No comment

Map 3 North

No comment

Map 4 Ramsey

Comments:

There seems to be a discrepancy between map 1a in relation to the extent of the development site off Gardeners Lane at Poyll Dooley.

The site adjacent to the old railway line has changed designation from the 1998 plan from Light Industrial to Public Open Space. Ramsey needs sites such as this to be included in the plan as it is close to the centre of Ramsey meets many of the requirements of the plan.

Map 5 Ramsey Town Centre

Comments:

The Conservation Area is not shown. This has an impact on development, development costs and grants availability. The Comprehensive Treatment Area needs to be addressed quickly if it is not it will act as a deterrent to development as people will for the plan. It should also include the vacant site next to the Commissioners' workshop (formerly a laundry, then a gym) on Bircham Avenue.

General Comment on Maps:

As per comments on the written statement the Plan needs to look further ahead than 2026. Strategic reserve sites need to be identified.

Recommendation: that members' if they so wish attend any of the presentation sessions and thereafter a Special Board meeting be arranged to consider the response to this Consultation. Members may of course make individual responses to the Consultation.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk & Chief Executive

12th July, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
CAR PARK SURFACING
JULY, 2022, - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Station Road and Mooragh Park car parks together with the roadway from the park entrance to the Mooragh Promenade were resurfaced in April and May by Legg Surfacing Limited using micro asphalt. Micro Asphalt is a special mix of bitumen and aggregates that can be applied in low temperatures, making it much more eco-friendly. It can be used to improve the texture, create a waterproof layer and seal existing road surfaces, extending the life of a road for 8 to 12 years. It can be applied very quickly, drying in as little as thirty minutes and then ready for traffic. As it is a cold application the carbon footprint is much lower than when using regular asphalt or surface dressing to repair the road. It is useful in repairing a surface that has worn over time, removing dips and small defects like potholes while restoring the texture. It is applied in a relatively thin layer and does not regulate or reprofile the car park or road i.e., if there was a depression or rise in the surface then this will remain.

The issues with the car park were associated with cracking and potholes. The potholes were filled prior to the application of the micro asphalt, the cracks in the car park were filled by the application of the micro asphalt itself.

In the budget discussions which took place in December and January different options were proposed for the car parks. 3 areas of station Road Car Park were identified as needing rework, the cost for this being £35,115. Addressing the 3 areas and then micro asphaltting the entire car park had a cost of £52,272. The micro asphalt solution which came with a 2-year guarantee was chosen during the budgetary discussions.

There are two issues that have been seen with the micro asphalt at both locations and they are that tyre impressions are left in the surface in car parking bays where cars sit for long periods and the surface is vulnerable when vehicles are stationary and turn the front wheels.

Where the surface is highly trafficked by moving vehicles, it has bedded in well and there are no evident problems.

The contractor has said that the surface does need time to settle and that this can be up to 6 months. He continues to monitor the situation and work with us, he has reworked some minor areas and re applied a dust to seal the surface.

He is available to attend a special Board meeting, if required, and go through the advantages and disadvantages and current situation in relation to the two car parks.

Recommendation: for discussion.

B. Wallace
Technical Services Manager

14th July, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FILL A FISH
JULY, 2022, PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Suntera Global in association with Beach Buddies and Isle Listen embarked on a project to reduce plastic waste entering the sea and oceans. This project started late 2020/early 2021 with a competition for school children to design fish shaped sculpture/receptacle for the collection of recyclable plastic.

A previous Chairman of the Commissioners was involved in the judging of the competition in Ramsey. The fish sculptures have been created and are ready to be placed around the Island. There will also be a formal launch of the initiative by the Lieutenant Governor at Government House on 4th August.



Suntera Global are currently in discussion with the DOI about placing the sculptures on the walkways or promenades.

Ramsey Town Commissioners have been asked where they would like the sculptures placed and that the sculptures are maintained and emptied by the Commissioners.

Potential sites for the Rockstar Fish are;

- 1) In the vicinity of the Lifeboat house Queen's Promenade
- 2) In the vicinity of the swimming pool on Mooragh Promenade
- 3) In the vicinity of the Vollan Car Park
- 4) In the Mooragh Park.

The sculpture may need to be moved in the winter months to a more sheltered location.

Recommendation: for discussion.

T. R. K. Cowin

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

11th July, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ISLE OF MAN ANTI-CANCER ASSOCIATION ROADSHOW
JULY 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Sandy Denning, Executive Officer, Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association is seeking permission to host their Cancer Awareness Roadshow in the Station Road car park on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

The roadshow is contained within an ambulance and would be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.



Recommendation: to grant permission to Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association to site the Cancer Awareness Road Show in the Station Road car park on 6th September 2022.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

11th July 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JULY, 2022 PUBLIC**

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. Hyperlinks are provided on the P.A. No. to link to the plans which are available on the IOM Government website.

REF NO: 4001
P.A. NO.: [22/00639/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of new four storey apartment building (class 3.4) with ground floor retail space (class 1.1).
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **22 & 24, Parliament Street and 6, West Quay, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4002
P.A. NO.: [22/00679/B](#)
PROPOSED: Combined approval in principle and full approval for a residential development seeking planning permission for the erection of 66 dwelling houses and 12 flats, site access, Spine Road through the site, drainage, car parking and associated landscaping (Phase 1). Outline planning permission for development of up to 127 new residential units in the form of dwelling houses and flats, flexible commercial space, a new public house and new retail space with all matters reserved save for access.
NOTES: Approval in Principle and P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land at Poyll Dooley Fields and Part Fields 134271, 134253, 134270, 134272, 131273, 131276, 132274 and 134274, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 4003
P.A. NO.: [22/00686/A](#)
PROPOSED: Approval in principle for the erection of a dwelling addressing means of access and parking
NOTES: Approval in Principle
SITE: **Land adjacent to 40, Greenlands Avenue, Ramsey**

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REF NO: 4004
P.A. NO.: 22/00794/B
PROPOSED: Erection of a sun lounge extension to rear of property and
extension of existing hard standing area to front of property.
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **4, Grove Mount, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 4005
P.A. NO.: 22/00807/B
PROPOSED: Installation of a flue
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **3, Royal Park, Ramsey.**

B. Wallace
Technical Services Manager

14th July, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE / MEETINGS
JULY 2022.**

The following matters are brought to members' attention for information:

Swimming Pool Order. (FGP)

The Town Clerk wrote to the Minister of the DOI asking for the Swimming Pool Order that is due to go to July Tynwald be delayed until the independent report into swimming pool provision on the Isle of Man is complete. A response was received from The Hon. Chris Thomas, M.H.K., the new DOI Minister on the 8th July stating that the order was to progress. A copy of the terms of reference for the independent report into the swimming pool provision was appended to the letter.

Bus Vannin Ramsey Peel Service (evenings) (FGP)

The Town Clerk wrote to the new Minister and new Director of public transport requesting that there are later bus services between Ramsey and Peel. Head of Operations for Bus Vannin Ian Bates responded and he stated that "Service provision is fundamentally driven by patronage and the service historically outside of the above core runs is poorly subscribed. However, I am happy to take a look and re-evaluate our numbers."

Jurby Road Phone Box (WD)

The Town Clerk has written to Manx Telecom to say that this phone box can be removed. Manx Telecom have yet to respond and confirm that the phone box will be removed prior to the DOI works reaching this area.

Tennis Club (Meeting) (PL)

The Ramsey Tennis Club met with the Town Clerk. The tennis club are happy with the facility in the Mooragh Park, and are looking to improve the flood lighting. They asked for minor maintenance works to be under taken to the bottom of the fence and offered to pay 50% towards a new net. The net has been purchased and the tennis club will install it in the near future.

DOI - Meeting Changing Hut South Promenade (WD)

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk met with the Department of Infrastructure on site at by the Lifeboat slipway and discussed the potential of locating a changing facility for swimmers close to the slip way. A position close to the slipway was located and the Department agreed in principle to the changing hut being located on what is part of the adopted highway.

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Waste Recycling Meeting, Middle River**(WD)**

The Lead Member for Works, the Town Clerk and the Technical Services Manager visited the Island Drainage and Ground Works (IDG) recycling facility. The visit was attended by several other local authorities. IDG were keen to highlight that the facility was underutilised, and they wanted to gauge the appetite of local authorities using and utilising the facility.

Highway Maintenance Charter**(WD)**

The Town Clerk's letter responding to the document was acknowledged.

11th July, 2022.

Contact: Stephen Willoughby
Telephone: (01624) 686246
Email: Stephen.Willoughby@gov.im
Date: 8th July 2022

Dear Clerks,

Re: Swimming Pool Orders

As you will be aware the Department of Infrastructure is taking three Swimming Pool Amendment Orders to July Tynwald. These make minor amendments to the current Swimming Pool Board Orders including:

- A small change to the procedure re provision of estimates to Local Authorities seeking contributions moving that date from August to November; and
- the maximum rate contribution can be up to 6p in the pound rather than the current 2.5p in the pound from 2023/24.

The Department has considered a number of different issues in relation to the setting of a district rate which takes into account the costs of swimming pools, pursuant to the relevant Orders. The provisions in the Local Government Act 2006 permit the setting of a rate by 31 January in any year. The current Orders provide a mechanism whereby the Boards provide an estimate of cost, and then those costs are recovered by the Local Authorities in the following financial year via the rate setting process. In practice, this has resulted in Boards providing a demand relating to the required contribution to costs, which the constituent authorities have agreed to and recovered via their rates in the current year or following year but have paid in that financial year.

On that basis, it is proposed for this financial year that a similar mechanism is used for the Swimming Pool Boards providing a demand which sets out each Local Authority's contribution. For those authorities setting their rate having taken into account that contribution, the contribution may be taken from the rate. For those that do not, the rate will be recoverable in the next financial year, (but this does not prohibit the possibility of seeking in exceptional circumstances payment of additional payments from the constituent authorities to the Swimming Pool Boards in this financial year for those that have included this within their orders.) The Amendment Order for the Southern Pool does not include anything in relation to additional payments, so that is not relevant for the South.

The Amendment Orders are limited in scope and as such, and having taken advice, the Department recommends that the mechanism currently employed is used, and thereafter the mechanism can be revisited with new Orders which revise the mechanism for contributions and payments.

Essentially, the Amendment Orders are proposed to work as a stop gap measure in order to assist the Swimming Pool Boards for a period of time until the independent review of the management and financing of the swimming pools is completed. Please see attached for the terms of reference of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture review.

In summary, if the orders are approved, the Swimming Pool Boards must submit their estimates to the Local Authorities so as to enable their constituent authorities to set a rate up to 6p in the pound for their contribution to the Pools costs.

The Department trusts that this advice and guidance assists.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. C Thomas MHK
Minister for Infrastructure

Independent Review of the Operations of all Regional Swimming Pools on the Isle of Man

Terms of Reference

Background

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture (DESC) ("the Department") has a wide range of operational functions, it is not only responsible for operating educational establishments throughout the Island, including thirty two primary schools, five secondary schools and University College Isle of Man, but also oversees Manx Sport and Recreation, which provides facilities for sport and physical activity to all residents.

The Island has three regional swimming pools, all of which are managed by a Pool Board, made up of representatives from each of the local authorities in that area of the Island (South, North & West). Regional swimming pools each receive a subvention from the Department and the local authorities' contribution of 2.5p in the pound equates to approximately 7 – 10% of operating costs

In addition the National Sports Centre, a multi-sport complex, hosts a wide range of initiatives and programmes which are accessed by all ranges of ages and abilities from the four corners of the Island, sits within the Sport, Youth & Recreation Division of the Department. Glencrutchery Swimming Pool is also part of the Department's portfolio and provides specialist swimming provision for people with disabilities. In addition to this pool, Ballakermeen High School has a swimming pool which is predominately used for curriculum swimming at the school. Outside of school time the pool is used for a private swim school and is not currently available for public use.

Regional swimming pools support the community recreation, sport, teaching and wellbeing initiatives of our Island. Specifically, the Our Island Plan aims to support sport, active leisure and recreational facilities and to recognise the link between healthy places, active lifestyles and overall wellbeing in policy choices. The Island currently has a public swimming pool in each geographical area of the Isle of Man (North, South, East and West). The Amateur Swimming Association¹ recommend 11 m² of water per population of 1000 as a benchmark to Local Authorities for urban locations. In England there are on average 13m² of swimming pool provision for community use, per 1,000 population, compared to the Island's provision of 15.12m² per 1,000 population.

Following concerns over financial difficulties experienced by regional swimming pools largely due to inflation and rising energy prices, Council of Ministers has agreed, subject to an independent review of the current delivery model of regional swimming pools that the Department underwrite additional costs that cannot be met by subvention provided. Some detail on the scope of such an assessment is attached to this paper.

Aim

Given the breadth of the Department and its operational nature the Council of Ministers wishes to gain assurance that Governance and management of the Island's regional swimming pools is adequate and that it is adequately resourced to deliver Our Island Plan's health and wellbeing objectives.

¹ ASA, Sport England (2013) Swimming Pools Design; Guidance Note. <https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/swimming-pools-dgn-2013.pdf>

The aim of the review is to appraise operational efficiency and effectiveness but also potential structures for the future delivery, including whether these operations are best operated at arms-length from the Department

The effectiveness and efficiency of the current delivery model of all regional swimming pools, including the Department's capability to effectively manage the interface with swimming pool boards, an assessment of policies, practice, procedures, and protocols which form part of those arrangements. In particular, the Review will explore how existing management and organisational arrangements could be improved to provide more effective delivery of community sport, active leisure and recreational facilities across the Island.

It is noted that that this is not a review of the effectiveness of the Island's regional swimming pools operational delivery; it is a review of the effectiveness of DESC's management arrangements for managing the interface with swimming pool boards.

Scope

To achieve its aim, the Review will consider the following:

1. The effectiveness and efficiency of the current funding model and operations of all regional swimming pools including value for money and challenges faced under the current structure.
2. The extent to which the Department provides effective oversight of regional swimming pools it subsidises and whether the roles and responsibilities of those exercising oversight are clear and in particular whether these are fit for purpose in managing the client interface with users/recipients of its services.
3. Changes or improvements which should be made to the way in which the most effective and efficient model of delivery would be for swimming pool provision across the Isle of Man, within the existing cost envelope.

Swimming pools in scope:

- NSC swimming pool– sits within DESC
- Glencrutchery swimming pool – sits within DESC
- Ballakermeen High School swimming pool – sits within DESC
- Southern swimming pool – funded by DESC subvention and Rates
- Northern swimming pool – funded by DESC subvention and Rates
- Western swimming pool – funded by DESC subvention and Rates

In undertaking the review, due consideration will be given to the approaches taken by other Departments and Boards of the Isle of Man Government and to models of good practice in the UK and other jurisdictions. It will also involve a range of stakeholders, and evidence will be gathered from the Council of Ministers, Members, senior officers, operational staff, support staff as appropriate.

Reporting

Subject to the interview and consultation programme being completed in a timely manner, a final report should be submitted to the Council of Ministers by 30th September 2022.

The final report will set out conclusions, policy options and recommendations together with a summary of the evidence that has been gathered to inform the outcomes of the Review.

Department of Education, Sport and Culture
March 2022