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12th January, 2023.

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, 18th January, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

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- 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, 4th January, 2023, at 7.00 p.m. having been postponed from 21st December, 2022.

Present: Messrs. F. B. R. Williams, A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, R. D. Cowell, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss L. L. Craine and Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood and L. Parker.

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

(2022/23:250) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16th November, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2022/23:251) Matters Arising:

Mr. Kelly took the opportunity to thank all staff for all the work undertaken over the Christmas period. He particularly commented on the canopy lights at the Courthouse.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:252) Action Tracker December, 2022:

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 14th December, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Ramsey South Promenade Changing Huts – Mr. Court sought an update on the aim to provide a changing hut. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that contact has been made with a haulage company and costs are being obtained for a more traditional type shelter.

Mooragh Park Shelter Public Art – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the Arts Council had asked to meet with him. Mr. McGuinness will also attend such meeting.

Seagulls in Mooragh Park – Mr. Singer sought an update on this matter and was informed that it would be considered at the budget meeting(s).

Control of Dogs on the Foreshore – Mr. McGuinness asked for an update on this matter. The Town Clerk informed members that the additional information requested had not been forthcoming. It is hoped that the matter can be brought to the next meeting.

(2022/23:253) Action Tracker Budget Approved Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 14th December, 2022.

(2022/23:254) Chairman's Report:

Resolved: To note the Chairman's tabled report dated 21st December, 2022, subject to the following:-

The Chairman congratulated all those who took part in the New Year's Day Chilly Dip.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:255) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 14th December, 2022, subject to the following:-

Mr. Young referred to problems with rain water ponding at Station Road Car Park and was advised that the matter would need to be brought up in private if the Commission wished to discuss it further.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:256) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 13th December, 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:	4023	<u>AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>22/01211/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to provide living accommodation	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Lower Milntown Farm, Lezayre Road, Ramsey	

Members were informed that this application has already been considered by the Planning Committee.

(2022/23:256) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:

REF NO: 4032
P.A. NO.: 22/01340/B
PROPOSED: The development of eight townhouses and associated car parking and landscaping
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land at corner of Premier Road and Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey.**

Mr. Cowell reminded members that the development company had sought the views and support of the Commission, on a previous application for which there had been a general consensus in support of an application. Mr. Young raised concerns about access during the Sprint and was reminded that any purchasers would be aware of such events (as is the case of properties abutting the T.T. Course). Mr. Oldham expressed a contrary recollection that the Board had been opposed to a previous application.

Mr. Beighton commented that he felt these plans, contrary to the previous application, are in-keeping with the facade, will be of benefit to the area and therefore encouraged support of the application.

Mr. Cowell proposed that the Commission support the application. This was seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed by 6 votes to 3, Messrs. McGuinness, Oldham and Young voting against.

REF NO: 4033
P.A. NO.: 22/01393/B
PROPOSED: First Floor extension over the existing kitchen and dining room to provide an additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **2, Auldyn Meadow Way, Ramsey**

Members were informed that this application has already been considered and approved by the Planning Committee.

Appendix:

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

(2022/23:257) Technical Services Manager's Report – "Fill-a-Fish" Location:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 7th December, 2022, advising of the desirability to relocate the "Fill-a-Fish" waste receptacle during the stormy winter months.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed, the Lead Member be granted delegated authority to decide on a winter location for the "Fill-a-Fish". It was agreed that members email Mr. Kelly with any ideas they may have.

Parks and Leisure:

The Lead Member took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the organisation and running of the Christmas events held throughout the Town, not least the inaugural "Ramsey in Bling" competitions.

(2022/23:258) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023:-

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10th December, 2022, updating members on progress for the organisation of Sprintfest 2023.

Resolved: To note the report and appended schedule and, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed application be made to the Licensing Court for the required occasional music licensing.

Members raised some concerns with regard to the schedule – Mr. Beighton seeking reassurance with regard to road closure proposals. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that events would be held during the evenings and road closures would be timed to commence ½ hour before and after the duration of the events, and also timed so as not to overlap with TT Road Closures. Adequate signage will be in place including access notices for businesses.

Mr. Cowell expressed concern at the cumulative loss of car parking spaces and informed members that he had spoken to the owners of St. Paul's Square who are very willing to assist with parking for events but have asked if the Commissioners could consider the provision of finger-post directional signs to their shopping precinct. Members agreed to discuss this further in private. Mr. Cowell also informed members that he would email the Deputy Town Clerk with other queries he had and also expressed concern at the lack of involvement by members generally.

Members expressed their concern with regard to the Sprint itself which they felt had been poor last year and needs to be looked at. Members asked if they could meet the organisers. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he and the Town Clerk have spoken with the Sprint organisers who are willing to meet and who are looking to improve the Sprint. Mr. Beighton asked that the matter be pushed.

(2022/23:259) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's Report dated 10th December, 2022, providing further information about UNESCO Biosphere partnerships.

A proposal was put by Mr. Court that the Commission apply to be a Biosphere partner.

Mr. Beighton commented that he had thought that the pros' and cons' of being a partner were to be provided together with any implications for ratepayers. Mr. Cowell stated that he could not see how a local authority would fit in and queried whether we would be bound by the rules of another party. Mr. McGuinness stated that Climate Change legislation was more onerous than Biosphere partnership.

Mr. Williams informed members that his understanding is that we pledge to consider matters in terms of the partnership not to guarantee to be able to do things, and in so doing seconded Mr. Court's proposal which was put to the vote and carried.

Mr. Young expressed concern that use of fleet electric vehicles is being encouraged but there are no facilities to scrap such vehicles nor is there any resale value.

(2022/23:260) Public Correspondence / Meetings:

Resolved: To note the matters of correspondence brought to members' attention:-

Department of Infrastructure – Local Authority Meetings:-

It was agreed that the Minister be invited to attend a special meeting in February, 2023. Mr. Williams advised that he would not attend that meeting.

(2022/23:261) Representative Report(s)

Resolved: To note the representative reports submitted as hereunder:-

Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool – Mr. McGuinness informed members that his report has been superseded by the Council of Ministers taking over the concept of moving all swimming pools under the control of the Department of Education and thereby removing the statutory boards. Mr. McGuinness commended writing to the town's Members of the House of Keys and those of the Ayre and Garff to raise concerns. It is a move away from local authority control but funding will still be by way of rates and this action could be seen as the "thin end of rate reform". Members were also reminded that the Commission had given the land at nominal consideration. Mr. Cowell asked that the comment about "back-door" rate reform be included in any correspondence.

(2022/23:261) Representative Report(s)

Mr. McGuinness commented also on the urgency with which the matter is being progressed and advised that the Commission had 13 days in which to act. Mr. Cowell congratulated Mr. McGuinness, as Chairman of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board, for the “glowing report” about Ramsey Pool within the report presented to Government.

A proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Beighton that the Commission ask for the matter to be deferred and seek a meeting was carried without division.

Manx Wildlife Trust – the report of the Open meeting submitted by Mr. McGuinness was noted.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:262) Closure Ramsey Branch HSBC:

Mr. Singer referred to the imminent closure of Ramsey Branch of HSBC and asked that the following motion be considered:-

“That the Ramsey Town Commissioners express extreme concern at the proposed closure of the Ramsey Branch of HSBC and the detrimental effect it will have on the people and businesses in the Town and the North of the Island. Ramsey Town Commissioners call on the management of HSBC to reverse the decision.”

Mr. Singer asked that the matter be addressed to the Chief Executive of HSBC, copied to the Chief Minister, Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey, and all other local authorities. The parties to be asked to also write to the Bank in opposition to the closure. Mr. Cowell supported the motion which was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 2 Messrs. Court and Young voting against.

(2022/23:263) Sundry Matters:

263a) Manx Care: Mr. Kelly drew attention to recently publicised staffing difficulties at Noble’s Hospital and suggested that the Minister be asked to consider extending the opening hours of Ramsey and District Cottage Hospital to 10.00 p.m. Members agreed to discuss this matter at the imminent meeting with the members of the House of Keys for Ramsey (Mr. Hooper being the appropriate Minister for Health Services).

263b) Sponsorship for Fireworks: Mr. Beighton asked if a report on the pros’ and cons’ for having a sponsor for the Town’s 5th November fireworks display could be presented to the meeting on 18th January, 2023. At Mr. McGuinness’s suggestion it was agreed to extend the date to the February 2023 meeting.

(2022/23:263) Sundry Matters continued:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following matters:-

263c) Suspected Breach of Planning –members were informed that the Department has confirmed that there is no breach of planning in respect of the use of property in Parliament Street as a “Drum Shop”.

263d) Draft Highways Maintenance Charter – it was confirmed that this document had been sent to all members for consideration in the near future.

263e) Consultation “Vaping” – members were advised that this Consultation had been sent to enable them to respond in their personal capacities if they so wish.

263f) Proposed Town Boundary Extension – members had been supplied with the response from Garff District Commissioners and upon receipt the response from Lezayre will be circulated. [Lezayre’s response was received and circulated on 6th January, 2023.]

263g) Forthcoming Meetings – 11th January Budget Meeting; 18th January Full Board Meeting; 25th January Budget and Meeting with the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey.

263h) Traffic Liaison Group – Mr. McGuinness referred to a recent meeting he attended, organised by the Police, with regard to traffic and referred to the lack of recent meetings of the Traffic Liaison Group at which the Ramsey Town Commissioners have representation and proposed that the Commission write to the Department of Infrastructure to see if the meetings have stopped and if so seek a re-start.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that in other areas of the Island the Traffic Liaison Groups have merged with the Police Level 1 meetings which may be a way forward for Ramsey.

The proposal to write was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending and also those watching via the live-streaming service and closed the public session at 7.52 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.

(2022/23:264) Minutes:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16th November, 2022, and the Special Meeting held on 7th December, 2022, both recorded in private due to commercial sensitivity

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:265) Presentation Recycling:

Resolved: To note the report of the presentation made on 8th November, 2022, by representatives from Douglas Borough Council with regard to refuse recycling. Mr. Singer asked the Commission to think carefully about this matter in view of numerous complaints being made about the service.

(2022/23:266) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 6th December, 2022, subject to the following:-

Clause 58d) – Mr. Singer asked why the offer of tenancy had been refused – members were informed that the property is extremely small and investigations are being made to determine if it is viable to knock-through into the adjacent property.

(2022/23:267) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” :

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 14th December, 2022, subject to the following:-

Abated Sums S 13 Agreement – in response to a query from Mr. Singer members were reminded that the agreement refers to the lack of green space provided in recent development.

(2022/23:268) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 14th December, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Holly Grove Mount – members were informed that it would appear that works have commenced at this property.

Sun and Beauty – an offer by Mr. Cowell to speak with the owners was accepted.

Mr. Oldham drew attention to the provision of street furniture outside 10 Parliament Street and queried if approval had been sought; and to defective guttering at the Chinese Restaurant, also in Parliament Street.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:269) Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority Elections Fees Order:

Resolved: To note that, having regard to the time-factors for which a response was required, a "round-robin" vote was taken to determine the Commission's view on proposed election fees as presented by the Cabinet Office. The majority decision was to endorse the recommendation of the Cabinet Office to apply an increase having regard to CPI at September, 2022.

A formal proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams to ratify the decision was carried by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Singer voting against.

(2022/23:270) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Conrods ATBH:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10th December, 2022, concerning the tenancy of the former Boathouse Café in the Mooragh Park, t/a Conrods ATBH. A fuller minute is recorded in private due to commercial sensitivity.

(2022/23:271) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report subject to the following:-

Rent Arrears - Mr. Kelly queried the list of rent arrears and was informed that there had been some change since preparation of the list including receipt of further rental payments via DSC not yet allocated.

Aged Debtors – Mr. Cowell queried activity on some of the older debts – the Finance Officer advised that some of the debts have been paid, others are being paid by instalment. The Town Clerk advised that he has been advised that the Attorney General's Department are understood to be in a position to now pay the long-standing debt. A particular debtor queried by Mr. Singer is known to procrastinate.

Potential Aged Debt – Write-Off – it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed to write off the two debts listed in Appendix 4 of the Finance Officer's report and reclaim the associated V.A.T. elements on both.

Mr. Beighton queried the actions and was advised that this was an accounting formality.

Bank Account Signatories -it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed that the bank signatories be amended with immediate effect to change permitted signatories to bank accounts held by the Commission to reflect the retirement of Mr. P. M. Bradford and the appointment of Mrs. M. Mitchell, as Deputy Finance Officer.

(2022/23:272) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices - Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 13th December, 2022, advising of the lack of response to a request for payment of a fixed penalty notices, following an unsuccessful appeal.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that the matter be referred for prosecution.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:273) Town Clerk's Report – Bathing Quality North Beach:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 7th December, 2022, confirming that the North Beach has received "Good" designation of bathing water quality, following 2 seasons' testing.

It was further resolved the Town Clerk be authorised to apply for the official designation and obtain the appropriate signage.

(2022/23:274) Technical Services Manager's Report – Nuisance Notice...

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 7th December, 2022, advising of an ongoing nuisance at a property for which the owner has made no effort to rectify, despite having been spoken to.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed that a Nuisance Notice be served.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:275) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Close Woirrey / former Albert Road Site:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed, consideration of the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 14th December, 2022, be deferred. Members asked for the full report to be included again in the next agenda pack.

(2022/23:276) Housing and Property Manager's Report Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Date:

Resolved: To note and approve the Housing and Property Manager's Report dated 13th December, 2022, providing details of the current status of the refurbishment programme at Cronk Elfin.

(2022/23:277) Private Correspondence:

Resolved: To note the items of correspondence / meetings brought to members' attention at 14th December, 2022, subject to the following:-

Manx Care – Pharmacy Licence Applications: - the response from Manx Care was noted. The Commission felt that there was nothing further than they could do in the matter.

Department for Enterprise – Corporate Services – it was agreed to inform the Department of Enterprise that the Commission is not inclined to install an ATM at the Town Hall at the present time.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:278) St. Paul's Square Parking:

Mr. Cowell drew attention to the willingness of the owners of St. Paul's Square to permit free parking for events, subject to consideration of the provision of a "finger-post" directional sign indicating the Shopping Precinct and suggested the inclusion of a suitable sign in the vicinity of the Courthouse. Mr. Williams advised that the matter should be referred to the Department of Infrastructure.

Mr. McGuinness proposed the matter be referred to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Beighton felt there needed to be a balance between direction to the St. Paul's Square Precinct and the rest of the Town's shopping centre.

Mr. Court seconded Mr. McGuinness's proposal which was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 2 Messrs. Cowell and Kelly voting against.

(2022/23:279) Quayside Redevelopment Proposals:

Mr. Beighton referred to the current proposals presented to the Commission with regard to Ramsey Quayside redevelopment and in particular his understanding that the concrete defence wall will not be "faced"; which he considered unacceptable and so queried if the Commission is able to object. The Town Clerk informed members that the Department's business case presenting options has yet to be presented to Treasury and suggested that the Commission could lobby to have the wall faced. Mr. Cowell informed members of the anticipated costs of such action.

Mr. Young commented that a painted finish would suffice.

(2022/23:280) Housing Maintenance Allowance:

Mr. Cowell referred to an increase in housing maintenance allowance and queried the affect that would have on the Commission. Members were informed that the increased would enable a greater sum to be spent on housing maintenance in relation to the rental income received and the increase would also affect the housing deficiency payment received from Government for public sector housing.

(2022/23:281) Manx Care – Missed G.P. Appointments:

Mr. Cowell referred to charges being imposed for missed doctors' appointments. He felt that a contributory factor was difficulties in contacting the Group Practice Centre and suggested a dedicated "appointment cancellation line" be established. Members agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey when they meet with them in the near future.

Matters of Establishment:

(2022/23:282) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of a meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 14th November, 2022, and 7th December, 2022.

Mr. Kelly queried if staff were permitted to carry leave forward and was informed that whilst it was not encouraged 9 days are permitted.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m. giving a time of 2 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, and 28/7/22, 5/9/22, 2/11/22 no response. <i>Chased 11/1/23.</i>	FGP	Jan-23	TRKC	Feb-23	
	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. Results are available on the DEFA web site and are generally positive. Final classification is being determined. <i>DEFA to respond Jan 2023.</i>	PL	Jan-23	SB	Feb-23	
	Mooraigh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter.	A web page to be set up to showcase the 5 shelters.	PL	Jan-23	SB	Jan-23	
	Toilet Art	On site.	There is funding available to do the interior and discussions are taking place as to how that may happen.	PL	Jan-23	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.	Planning contracted 21/7/22 re planning enforcement re SMS trading, they had not but will take enforcement action. Planning confirmed suspected breach is actively being progressed (13/9/22). <i>Chased Dec 2022- no change!</i>	WD	Jan-23	TRKC	Feb-23	
	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. Meeting took place with Lezayre and Garff in August.	<i>Lezayre and Garff have submitted responses TC to bring the matter to February board meeting.</i>	FGP	Jan-23	TRKC	Mar-23	

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.	Asked for an updated status for the properties 5/9/22,3/11/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery are preparing a planning application for the Britannia. <i>Chased for an update 11/1/23.</i>	WD	Jan-23	SB	Mar-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	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.	Requested update from MT 3/11/22.	FGP	Jan-23	TRKC	Jun-24	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Agreed at August board meeting that RTC will install the shelters at its cost.	Install bases and request shelters from the DOI. <i>Concrete due 14th Jan.</i>	WD	Jan-23	MC	Dec-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 of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	Dandara have started work on the playground.	FGP	Jan-23	TRKC	Dec-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. War memorial committee want minimal intervention and work on the memorial (it is about maintenance and not restoration).	Clean the memorial. Prepare project and costs for repairs to the memorial 2023/24 financial year. Drain survey undertaken 5/9/22, drains go to soakaways, one of which appears to be silted up. The memorial was cleaned prior to 11/11/22.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Repairs 23/24	
Apr-22	Ramsey South Prom changing huts	Location for hut agreed with the DOI (as this area is all highway) and RNL. DTC has consulted with DOI, RNL, MSCC and representatives of swimmers/beach users.	Lead member has met with representatives of the swimming clubs. Discussions have taken place with DOI about the overall amenity of the area.	PL	Jan-23	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. Reply received from Bus Vannin reported to Board.	Bus Vannin are having a review of local bus services and have invited feedback (see correspondence report).	FGP	Jan-23	SB	Dec-22	
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	87 out of 100 bags sold Fresh batch purchased end Nov 2022	<i>A fresh batch of Bags are here</i>		Jan-23	SB	Dec-22	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Expressions of interest closed 5th Sept. Funding streams being identified.	Secure funding, with a view to start work in 2023. Meeting the Arts Council 12th Jan.	PL	Jan-23	SB	Jun-23	Green
Aug-22	Recycle conference	Recycle conference in Sept is too early and other priorities to be addressed first.	Review which is the most appropriate recycle conference and confirm that the travel and attendance represent value for money.	PL	Jan-23	TRK/ BW	Jun-23	Yellow
Oct-22	Seagulls in Mooragh Park		Investigate options and costs to dissuade seagulls from the park. This will form part of the budget process.	PL	Jan-23	TRK/ BW	Jun-23	Yellow
Oct-22	Control of dogs on the foreshore	Issue raised by the public for debate, additional information required prior to the debate.	Report for debate in Feb 2023.	WD	Jan-23	TRK/ BW	May-22	Yellow
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line			Jan-23	TRK/ BW	Jun-23	Yellow

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1	Mar-22	RCV replacement	Petition approved and RCV ordered.	Await arrival of RCV March/April 2023. Order has been accepted on basis of quote, there is a risk of a cost increase.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Apr-23	
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	Jan-23	BW	Feb-23	
6	Mar-22	Street Lights NDT	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Petition approved, awaiting works to be undertaken.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
8	Mar-22	Street Lights Lezayre Road	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
10	Mar-22	Street Lights New Street Lights	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
13	Mar-22	Bin Weigh upgrade	In place	Remove from tracker Feb 23	WD	Jan-23	BW	Feb-23	
15	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting	Grant application approved and confirmation received 1st November. (DFE will pay 80% of cost up to £25,000).	Procure the lighting in line with details in grant application. Canopy lights installed, cone tree ordered, 3D object ordered, 2x projectors ordered, 1 in place on Parliament Square.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Oct-22	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	Planning application has been prepared	HP	Jan-23	RK	Mar-23	

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – MANX WHIPPY
JANUARY 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has issued a Street Trader's Licence to Manx Whippy Limited in the years since 2017 to operate mobile Ice Cream vans.

Each licence was issued for a period of one year. Since 2018 the operator was permitted to operate from two vehicles.

The operator only trades within residential areas or by invitation to specific events or premises with the Town Centre.

The service has proved popular and has attracted no complaints to the Town Hall. Manx Whippy have thanked the Commission for the support they have shown.

The company is requesting that a new Street Trader's Licence be issued for 2023 with similar terms agreed in previous years.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to issue a Street Trader's Licence to Manx Whippy Limited for their two vehicles for 2023.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

11th January 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADERS LICENCE– THE RUMBLIN TUM
JANUARY 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The owner of The Rumblin Tum, an Island based mobile catering operator, has contacted the Commission to request a Street Traders Licence to operate at The Isle of Man Festival of Motoring event on Sunday 17th September, 2023.

The Commission has previously agreed to support the road closures for this event in 2023 having already supported the 2019 and 2022 events. The 2022 event attracted around 250 visiting cars with visiting 486 customers. The theme in 2023 is “American Extravaganza”. The Festival of Motoring is organised by Scenic Car Tours.

Events take place elsewhere on the island on Friday 15th September and Saturday 16th September.

On Sunday 17th September those taking part in the event travel from Douglas to Ramsey on open roads via the TT course and are parked on Mooragh Promenade prior to a speed-controlled run over the A18 Mountain Road to the Creg na Baa. The roads closed for the event are a section of Mooragh Promenade and the A18 Mountain Road from Barrule Park to the Creg na Baa.

The event organiser is requesting that a mobile catering unit be able to operate on Mooragh Promenade to cater for those taking part in the event or viewing the static display who do not wish to use the facilities within the town. The unit will offer drinks (tea, coffee and soft) as well as hot foods (such as breakfast baps and chips).

Members are asked to consider whether to grant a street traders license for The Rumblin Tum for the Festival of Motoring on Sunday 17th September 2023.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

11th January 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
JANUARY 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in December 2022 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st December 2022 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £1,219,292.65 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £20,802.15 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in December 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 31st December 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	£653,512.
Acquisition of Albert Road site	£415,939.
New litter bins	£103,614.
Replacement lighting schemes	£91,207.
New vehicles	£54,964.
Station Road car park re-surfacing	£48,711.
Refuse vehicle bin weighing equipment	£41,558.
High risk street light columns	£9,400.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During December 2022 a £86,794 payment from the Treasury was received being the fifth instalment of rate income for the 2022-23 financial year (for comparison £115,126 was received in December 2021).

At 31st December the total 2022-23 rate income receipts was £2,680,927 (2021-22 £2,464,360). Further rates income is expected in March 2023.

Recommendation: To be noted.

11th January 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 31st December 2022

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Banks	Quarterly bank loan repayments - capital	453,309.15
Banks	Quarterly bank loan repayments - interest	387,552.50
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	192,962.91
Various	Housing - Cronk Elfin refurbishment programme	35,937.06
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW plant	30,603.61
Manx Utilities	Electricity & Water supply	21,977.16
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	19,098.90
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	16,882.37
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	16,038.76
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	11,249.57
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	8,587.64
Various	Town events	7,437.02
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	3,913.47
Various	IT costs	2,438.00
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	2,225.76
Various	Contract cleaning	2,000.00
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	1,485.86
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	1,330.56
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,286.96
Various	Media advertising costs	822.00
Various	Gift vouchers	485.00
RTC	Petty cash	466.28
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	414.31
Various	Security & safety	407.62
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	380.18
		<u>1,219,292.65</u>
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
Various	Skip haulage - Oct. & Nov.	9,084.19
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	7,725.12
Various	Recycling charges	2,544.98
Various	Equipment maintenance	969.11
Manx Utilities	Heat & light	306.01
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	82.06
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	72.80
Bank	Charges	17.88
		<u>20,802.15</u>

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Suppliers utilised during December 2022

Appendix 1

AB Photography Ltd.	IOM	K & R Parts Ltd.	IOM
Access UK Ltd.	UK	Logy on Fire	Ire.
Ace Hire & Sales Ltd.	IOM	Macs Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Arven Chemicals Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Buffalo Bowling & Leisure Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
C Johns GRP Construction	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Prospero Facilities Services Ltd.	IOM
DCS Ltd.	IOM	PSM Lines	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Exceed Business Services Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Garden Centre	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Town Band	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Reccovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	3 FM Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
JAC Stores Ltd.	IOM	Vehicle Weighing Solutions Ltd.	UK
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK

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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st DECEMBER 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	3,295,511	3,552,564	(257,053)	4,246,834	4,337,145	(90,311)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	218	0	218	270	0	270
Brookfield Court	15,186	7,697	7,489	19,795	13,450	6,345
Close ny Mooragh	30,336	16,289	14,047	35,225	32,050	3,175
Sub Total	£3,341,251	£3,576,550	(£235,299)	£4,302,124	£4,382,645	(£80,521)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	165,940	23,910	142,030	220,300	22,160	198,140
Workshops	81,140	0	81,140	72,810	0	72,810
Public Conveniences	38,265	0	38,265	58,890	0	58,890
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	17,919	3,725	14,194	10,955	4,000	6,955
Mansail Lease	4,036	8,562	(4,526)	4,510	10,430	(5,920)
Lakeside Centre	2,278	9,153	(6,875)	6,220	11,630	(5,410)
Parklands Day Nursery	700	14,026	(13,326)	2,605	18,610	(16,005)
Bowling Alley	1,706	11,250	(9,544)	1,760	15,000	(13,240)
Non-Lease Properties	3,750	0	3,750	5,395	0	5,395
Prom shelters, benches, signs	17,036	0	17,036	14,315	0	14,315
Private Property Repairs	697	0	697	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	694	0	694	1,134	0	1,134
Apprentices	13,507	2,467	11,040	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	10,516	10,584	(68)	35,610	39,171	(3,561)
Park assets	7,522	0	7,522	62,215	0	62,215
Sub Total	£380,506	£83,677	£296,829	£522,019	£121,001	£401,018

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	4,025	0	4,025	1,955	0	1,955
Car Parks	15,236	22,505	(7,269)	22,689	25,505	(2,816)
Refuse Removal	503,160	67,370	435,790	828,295	100,000	728,295
Civic Amenity contribution	161,820	0	161,820	215,758	0	215,758
Sewers & Pumps	78,305	78,305	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	64,580	0	64,580	111,356	0	111,356
Decorative maint.	2,553	0	2,553	16,830	0	16,830
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	120,205	0	120,205	134,342	0	134,342
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£949,884	£168,180	£781,704	£1,460,725	£230,005	£1,230,720

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	78,450	22,075	56,375	76,865	24,375	52,490
Parks & Gardens	141,787	113	141,674	238,267	600	237,667
Games Concessions	1,493	0	1,493	2,030	0	2,030
Public Library	102,940	6,476	96,464	142,140	8,700	133,440
Sub Total	£324,670	£28,664	£296,006	£459,302	£33,675	£425,627

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	15,804	0	15,804	99,700	0	99,700
Office Expenses	727,462	89,553	637,909	1,016,210	94,530	921,680
Sundry Expenses	8,328	0	8,328	11,330	0	11,330
Miscellaneous	49,905	25,694	24,211	37,480	24,600	12,880
Swimming Pool	18,791	0	18,791	44,020	0	44,020
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	2,184	896	1,288	1,300	0	1,300
Sub Total	£824,474	£116,143	£708,331	£1,212,040	£119,130	£1,092,910

TOTAL	£5,820,785	£3,973,214	£1,847,571	£7,956,210	£4,886,456	£3,069,754
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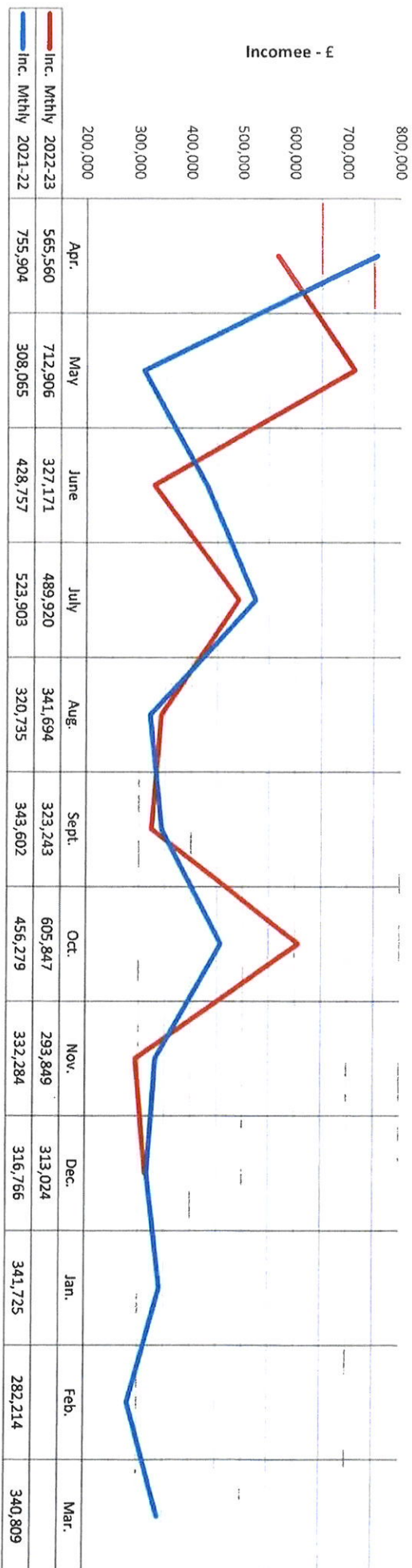
Town rates	£ -	£ 2,878,233	£ (2,878,233)	£ -	£ -	£ 3,013,336
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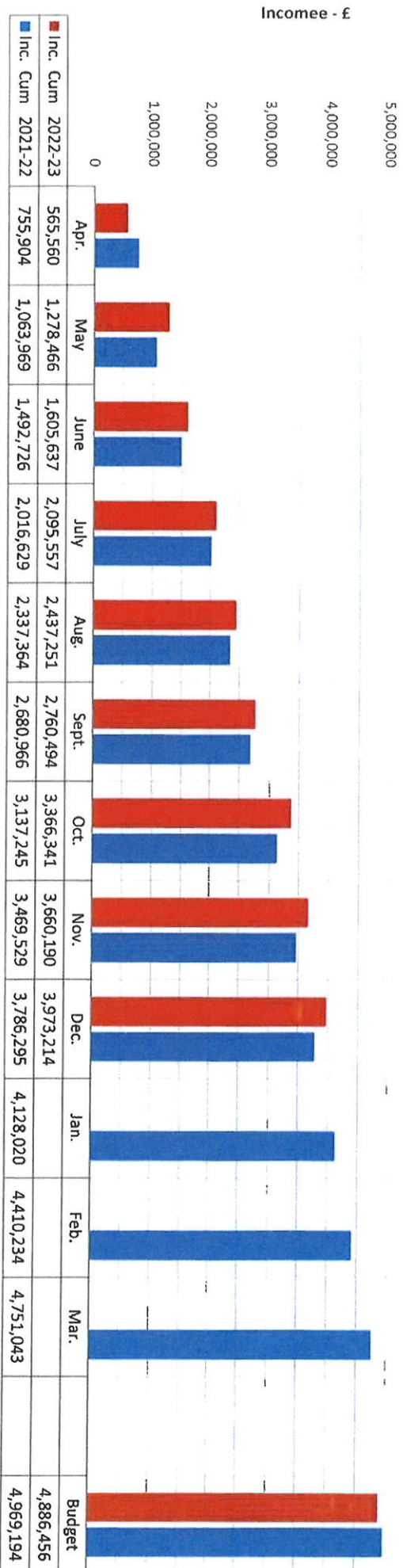
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



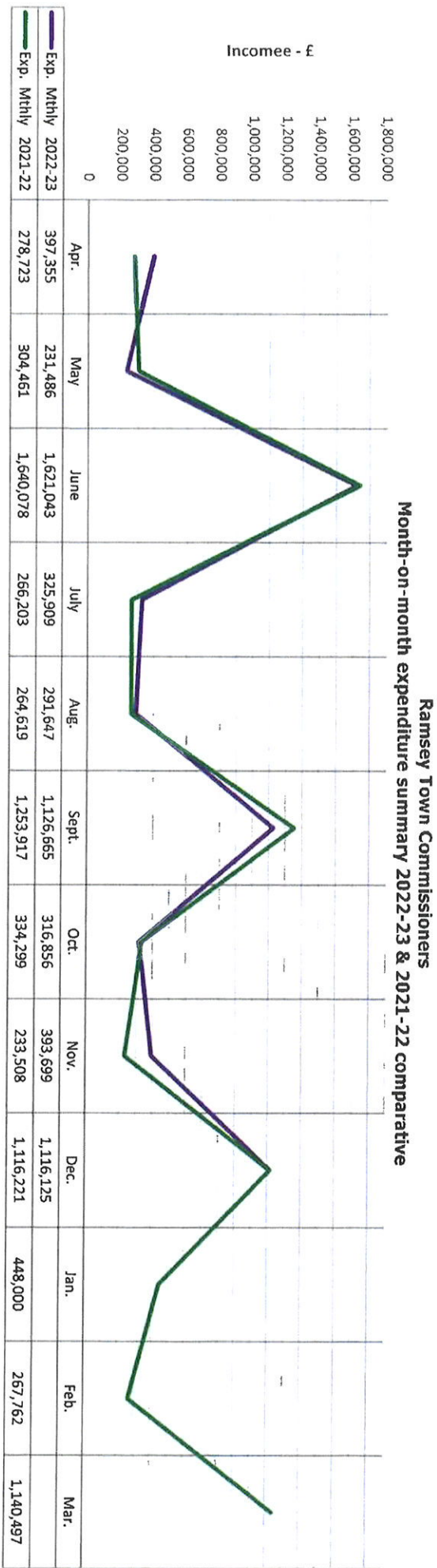
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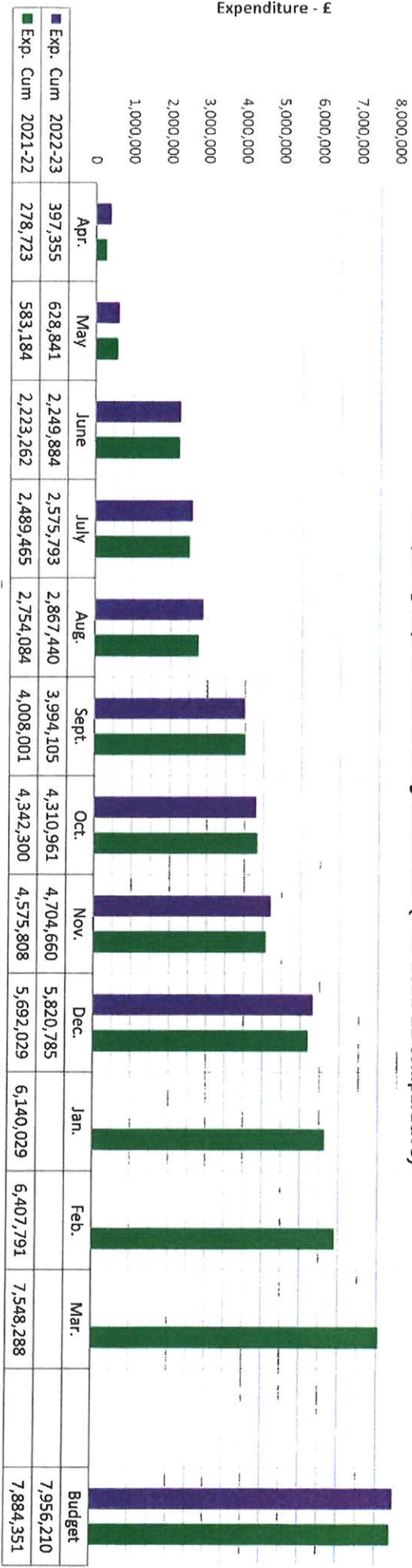
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Ramsey Town Commissioners Comparing expenditure to budget 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)

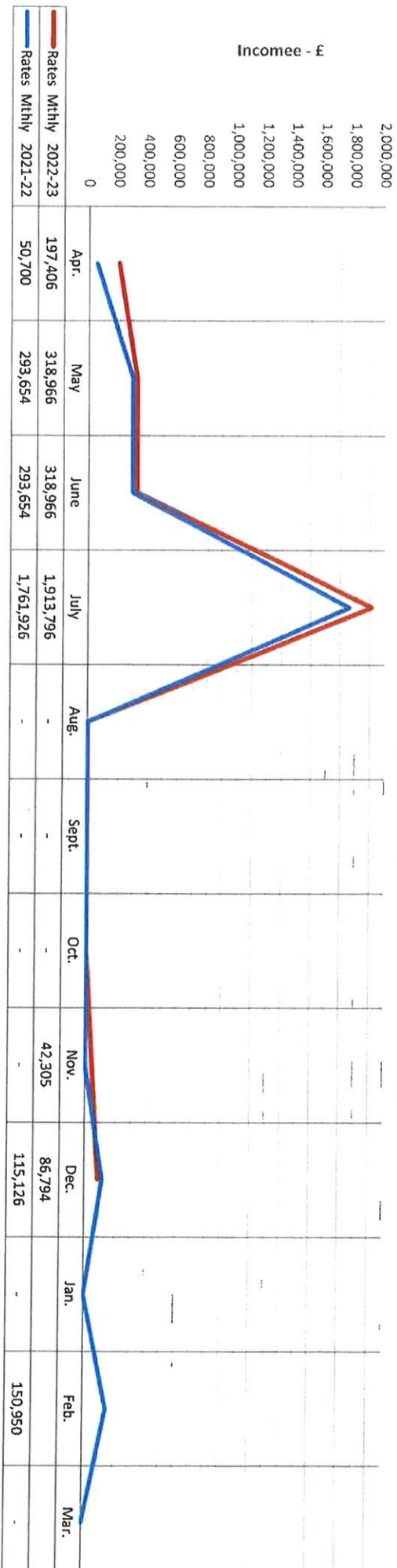


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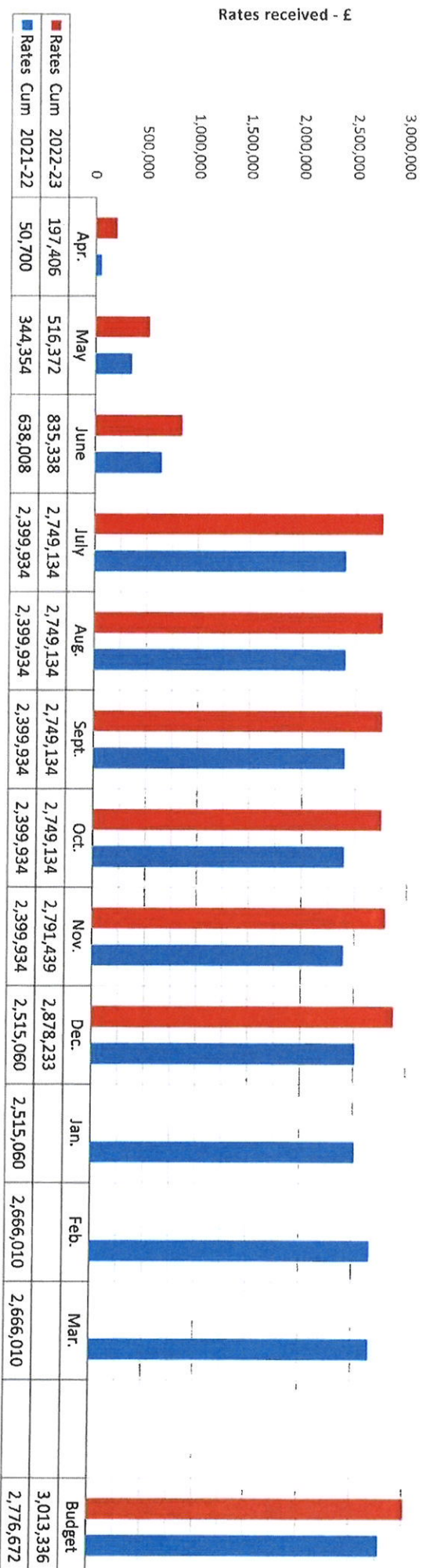
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



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



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JANUARY, 2023 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: 4026 **ADDITIONAL INFO/AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: [22/01212/A](#)
PROPOSED: Approval in principle for proposed residential development,
addressing means of access and number of plots
NOTES: Approval in Principle
SITE: **The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4039
P.A. NO.: [22/01533/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of air source heat pump to replace oil fire boiler
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Lakeside, Westhill Village, Jurby Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4040
P.A. NO.: [22/01542/B](#)
PROPOSED: Renovation works to existing small block of 3 apartments,
replacement windows and external doors, new longer roof dormer
to replace the existing 3 smaller roof dormers and a cycle store
for 6 cycles in lieu of car parking.
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Tower House, Tower Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace, Technical Services Manager

11th January, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
GREAT MANX RUN
JANUARY, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Children's Centre is requesting permission to use the Mooragh Park as a base for a fund-raising event on Sunday 26th March 2023. The "Great Manx Run", sponsored by Isle of Man Energy, will offer entrants three options a full marathon, a half marathon and a one-mile fun run.

The inaugural 2022 event, staged at a different location, attracted over 400 entrants.

The organisers would like to base the event at the Mooragh Park with the one-mile run being around the park.

The organisers would be responsible of all aspects of organising and running the event and will liaise with other stakeholders within the Mooragh Park, such as the Rugby Club, to minimise disruption to other park users.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to grant permission to The Children's Centre to run the Great Manx Run

Recommendation: To grant permission to The Children's Centre to stage the Great Manx Run on 26th March, 2023.

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

11th January 2023.