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11th January, 2024.

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, 17th January, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. Apologies for Absence:

2. Mr. Leonard Singer

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Matter(s) 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, 20th December, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence Mr. L. I. Singer.

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

(2023/24:238) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 15th November, 2023, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Clause 207 – Notes on Appendix – Miss Craine wished the wording of the final paragraph of this clause to be extended to include her views concerning the loss of planting and possible depletion of green corridors.

Clause 210 – Sprintfest: Mr. Parker wished it to be fully recorded that he and Mr. Cowell had left the room because of declared indirect pecuniary interests.

(2023/24:239) Matters Arising:

239(a) “Ramsey in Bling” – Mr. Kelly expressed thanks to the Technical Services Manager for all the work undertaken in preparing the festive lighting; and to Mr. Court and all involved for the success of the Switch on of the Christmas Lights and “Ramsey in Bling”.

239(b) Matters into Public – it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem con that the Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 22nd November, 2023, and the Technical Services Manager Report dated 29th November, 2023, concerning Beach Cleaning be brought into public.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:240) Action Tracker December, 2023:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 13th December, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

North Promenade Changing Hut – Mr. Kelly referred to the expiry of the planning consent, in 2024, and asked that members consider, after the budget process if they wished to progress this scheme or if allocated funding could be used elsewhere. Mr. McGuinness felt it would be more sensible to consider the matter as part of the whole budget process. Miss Craine also felt the matter should be considered during the budget process.

Mr. Cowell referred to the few people who swim off the Mooragh foreshore and proposed that the proposed be scrapped and its budget transferred elsewhere. Mr. Parker seconded the proposal commenting that if there had been greater interest the matter would have been progressed.

The Deputy Town Clerk took the opportunity to inform members that the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture had provided results of bathing water quality for the 2023 bathing season – the South remains “Good” and the North has improved to “Excellent” – the North being based on a limited data set having been based on only 3 seasons and not the usual 4.

Miss Craine proposed an amendment that the viability of progressing this matter be considered as part of the budget process. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Beighton. Mr. Court commented that the South is more important and suggested holding off until it can be seen what use is made of the South “hut”; the Commission first need to decide if they are going to seek an extension of the planning approval.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 4; Messrs. Beighton, Cowell, Kelly and Young voting against.

Empty Pubs - the Deputy Town Clerk informed members of his understanding that ownership of the former “Stanley Hotel” has changed the property now being in private ownership.

Mooragh Park Shelters – Public Art: Mr. Cowell queried how many park shelters requiring art work are left. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that one shelter remains; the artist who was originally do undertake the work having withdrawn their interest. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that new expressions of interest would be sought when all the preparatory work to the shelter is complete.

Claghane Public Open Space – Mr. McGuinness queried the progress on submission of a planning application. The Deputy Town Clerk undertook to update members if any more information was available.

(2023/24:241) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 13th December, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

Toilets Millennium Gardens – members queried if there was any update since presentation of the report – the Deputy Town Clerk advised not and undertook to inform members if and when any further information is available.

Town Hall Solar Panels – Members asked for an update on this project to be presented to the January, 2024, meeting.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:242) Town Clerk’s Report – Manx Telecom Wayleave Ballacloan / Close ny Mooragh:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 1st December, 2023, advising of the request made by Manx Telecom to enter into a wayleave agreement with the Commissioners to facilitate installation of ducting across land in the Commissioners’ ownership between Ballacloan Stadium and Close ny Mooragh.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, permission be granted, subject to the approval of the Department of Infrastructure in terms of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

(2023/24:243) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s general report dated 13th December, 2023.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:244) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 11th December, 2023, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures.

REF NO: 40??
P.A. NO.: 23/01374/B
PROPOSED: The erection of a store extension
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1 Westlands Close, Ramsey**

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con that no comments be made on the application.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:245) Town Clerk's Report – Essential Workers Housing:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 1st December, 2023, in which was included draft responses to the consultation being undertaken by the Cabinet Office regarding Essential Workers' Housing. A copy of the consultation had been provided to members.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con the draft responses be submitted, subject to the following:

Clause 2 "which sectors should be included in the definition of 'essential workers'?" Proposed by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that the words "Civil Servants and Local Authority Employees" be removed from the suggested response.

Clause 10 – "How much equity loan should be provided to essential workers towards their home purchase?" It was proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed nem con that up to 30% be suggested.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:246) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Gran Fondo:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 1st December, 2023, advising of the request made by the organizers of Gran Fondo to stage the 2024 event in the Mooragh Park on 27th / 29th July, 2024, and seeking logistical support.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by and agreed nem con, permission be granted and logistical support be provided, subject to the usual caveats that the organisers adequately advertise road closures.

(2023/24:247) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Isle of Man Everesting Challenge 2024:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13th December, 2023, advising of the request made by the organizers of Isle of Man Everesting Challenge seeking support of their 2024 world record breaking event being held on 1st September, 2024, and also support of their road closure proposals. Members noted that the event would require closure of at least part of the T.T. Course. In response to a query from Mr. Williams, members were informed that no costs would be incurred by the Commission, the organisers were only seeking the Commission's support for the event.

Resolved That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed nem con to support the event.

(2023/24:248) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Shennaghys Jiu 2024:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 1st December, 2023, advising of the request made by the organizers of Shennaghys Jiu seeking slight changes to arrangements usually in place for their Celtic Festival being held between 28th / 31st March, 2024. The changes include lighting up the Swing Bridge and Town Hall; placing Manx flags through the town earlier in the season than usual; the purchase of slides to be illuminated at the Town Hall and Courthouse; and the possible erection of flags of the Celtic Nations on flag poles near the “Swan Hotel”.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed nem con, Shennaghys Jiu be informed that the Commission will implement the changes and agree to the additional requests, subject to no extra costs being incurred by the Commission.

(2023/24:249) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – South Beach Shelter:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 1st December, 2023, updating members of responses to queries made regarding safeguarding. It was noted that the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team have indicated that the proposed facility, in its current design, would pose no increased risk to beach users; and it is suggested that mitigation signage could be installed on the exterior.

It was proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Cowell that provision of the shelter with signage proceed. Mr. Kelly informed members that the size of the shelter had been compromised, as to its width. Miss Craine asked if it could be confirmed that it is a new design? Members were informed that the design is the same but the shelter is slightly shorter. Miss Craine commented that she had no recollection of the design having appeared on the website, or details being made known to the public. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that this information could be made known.

Further general discussion ensued Mr. Beighton commented he was fully supportive but felt that the Commission should go through a full process of due diligence; Miss Craine commented that “safeguarding” referred to care of people not a building. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the concept of the shelter had been viewed by the Police. Miss Craine commented that it may be possible to include lighting and the provision of free “Wi-Fi” to encourage greater use of the shelter. Mr. Cowell commented that it is important to progress the scheme and this could encourage regeneration.

The proposal to proceed with the shelter with suitable signage was put to the vote and carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Beighton voting against.

(2023/24:250) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Beach Cleaning:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report (brought into the public sector by resolution 236b refers.) Mr. Young informed members that he had spoken with the firm who had last cleared the beach, at no charge, and who had indicated that they would be prepared to do so again. Mr. Young also commented that he could not understand how the RNLI would be affected by any clearance.

Miss Craine commented that there is a difference between clearing and cleaning and that the Commission should be cognisant of any wildlife or natural planting. Miss Craine suggested that litter picking once a month, subject to review, would be valuable and also suggested that organisations such as “Beach Buddies” and members of the community would also help.

Members were informed that if the Commission proceed to clear and level the foreshore discussions would be held with the RNLI and the Yacht Club as wave levels might be affected.

A proposal by Mr. Cowell that the matter be considered as part of the budget process was seconded by Mr. Parker.

Miss Craine proposed an amendment that the matter be considered as part of the budget process subject to removal of any thought of purchasing a large beach cleaning machine and inclusion of consideration to using the services of a contractor offering their services at no cost to the Commission.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Williams voted against.

(2023/24:251) Minutes for Adoption:

The Minutes of the private meeting held on 22nd November, 2023, and brought into public by resolution (Clause 236a refers) were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:252) Registration of Swing Bridge:

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members of receipt of a Notice of the proposal of the Department of the Environment Food and Agriculture to Register a Building, namely Ramsey Swing Bridge. Details of the proposal were provided to which responses are required to be submitted by 27th January, 2024.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, carried by Mr. Kelly and agreed nem con that any views be initially fed back to the Town Hall Officers to enable a composite response, if any is required, to be prepared.

(2023/24:253) Sundry Matters:

253a) Statutory Nuisances: The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the Department of the Environment is to recommence investigating statutory nuisances on behalf of local authorities.

253b) Highway Projects: The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the Department of Infrastructure has indicated that investigations into traffic flow at Christian Street are being progressed, and that it is hoped that a scheme with regard to traffic lights at Parliament Square can be progressed in due course.

253c) Town Boundary Extension Inquiry – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members of the dates set for the Boundary Extension Inquiry, namely 22nd, 23rd and 24th January, 2024, at the Ramsey Park Hotel; details of which will be included on the Commissioners' website and Facebook page. Mr. McGuinness encouraged member to attend the Inquiry.

253d) Live at Home Winter Coat Initiative: The Deputy Town Clerk informed members of a request made by the Live at Home group to provide a rail at the Town Hall until the end of March, 2024, in support of their provision of Winter coats initiative.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con, permission be granted.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public, including 18 members of the sea-swimming groups, for attending and closed the public meeting at 8.20 p.m. [It had not been possible to live-stream the meeting because of technical problems.]

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.

(2023/24:254) Minutes Special Board Meeting:

The Minutes of the Special Private Meeting held on 22nd November 2023, had been brought into public (Clauses and 248 refer).

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:255) Minutes Meetings Policy Committee:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed nem con, the minutes of the meetings of the Policy Committee held on 9th November, 2023, (Inquorate) and 7th December, 2023, be noted and approved.

(2023/24:256) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 13th December, 2023, subject to the following:-

- **Town Branding** – Mr. Kelly again sought an update on release of the video associated with Town Branding – the Deputy Town Clerk again advised that the Chamber of Commerce wished this to be done after Christmas.
- **Debt Recovery** – Mr. McGuinness referred to the last item appearing on the Action Tracker – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that further investigations are ongoing as to a possible means of recovering the debt.

(2023/24:257) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

The report comprising the register of ruinous property, and unsightly land and buildings, is being reviewed, as to its content and layout, by the Technical Services Manager. The Deputy Town Clerk brought the following to members’ attention:-

10/11 West Quay – subject to separate report;
21 Bowring Road – notice is being progressed;
The Holly, Grove Mount – new owner has been in touch

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:258) Finance Officer’s Report:

Resolved: To note Finance Officer’s report dated 13th December, 2023, subject to the following:-

Bank Balances – Members were informed that income, totalling £81,000 for capital projects had been received from Government.

Rent Arrears – members were informed that whilst some arrears had been paid since compilation of the appendix, the list was already reflecting the usual seasonal increase in debtors.

Reference was made to the debtor listed at No 33 – members were informed that it is possible that some rent will be received from the Department of Health and Social Care but it is anticipated that a debt will exist when the tenancy is terminated.

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer informed members that certain payments had been made since compilation of the aged debtors list.

Mr. McGuinness referred to older debts which he suggested were not being recovered in accordance with the approved policy. Miss Craine asked that members be supplied with a copy of the policy; and in response to a particular query was informed that the debt to which she referred had been paid.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:259) Technical Services Manager Report – 10-11, West Quay, Old Joke Shop - Update:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 29th November, 2023, top which was appended a 3D proposal for redevelopment of the site.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell, and agreed nem con, the owners be informed of the Commission's concern that the proposals are not in-keeping with the area and they be advised to speak with the Planning Committee to discuss this matter.

(2023/24:260) Technical Services Manager Report – Northern Civic Amenity Site:

Minute recorded in private.

(2023/24:261) Technical Services Manager Report – Request for Single Source for Refuse Wagon:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 30th October, 2023, seeking permission to enter into a single tender process for the acquisition of a refuse collection vehicle in view of the specialist requirements.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell that permission be granted. An amendment was put by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that permission be granted and the Commission be provided with the details of comparative costs for information. The amendment was carried by 10 votes to 1, Canon Greenwood voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:262) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin External Environmental Improvements:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 13th December, 2023, outlining a capital proposal for redesigning the recreational circle at Cronk Elfin. Members recognised the need to keep tenants informed of proposals which would be done routinely, and could also occur at planning stage.

A proposal was put by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Parker that the scheme be progressed in terms of the recommendations presented within the report. An amendment was put by Miss Craine that the matter be progressed and tenants be made aware of the proposals and be asked if they have any observations. The amendment was seconded by Mr. McGuinness, put to the vote and carried by 8 votes to 3, Messrs' Cowell, Oldham and Young voting against.

(2023/24:263) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 13th December, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

Members were informed that the Contractor has requested an extension to the contract of 60 days, to compensate for weather conditions and additional works required. It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con, that the extension be granted.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:264) Decorative Lighting Courthouse Canopy:

Mr. Kelly queried the timing of the illumination of the canopy at the Courthouse Grounds. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he would check the times of the decorative lighting.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed nem con, the lights, if appropriate, having regard to existing timing, be illuminated for a further 2 hours each day during the festive season.

(2023/24:265) Budget Proposals:

The Finance Officer provided members with an updated rate estimate based on budget proposals discussed to date.

Mr. Parker asked if the date of the next budget meeting, namely 3rd January, 2024, could be changed and he and the Town Clerk were unable to be present.

Members agreed to keep to the date scheduled.

(2023/24:266) Standing Orders:

Mr. Williams queried if Standing Orders had been followed correctly in view of debate concerning the South Promenade Shelter. Members agreed that the report had provided updated and further information and no breach of Standing Orders had occurred.

Matters of Establishment:

(2023/24:267) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed by 9 votes to 2, Messrs. Court and McGuinness voting against, the minutes of the meetings of the Establishment Committee held on 7th December, 2023, be approved, subject to the following:-

Staffing Housing and Property – proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the final paragraph of this Clause be deleted. This proposal was carried by 9 votes to 2, Messrs. Court and McGuinness voting against.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. giving a time of 3 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. Chased 11/1/23. TC proposes that the developer is left to cut the grass and maintain the area at his cost for 2023. Developer contacted our advocate proposing the POS is transferred (April 23). The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated.	FGP	Dec-23	TRKC	Sep-23	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Bathing water status has been confirmed as Good. Planning is in place for shelters close to slip way at end of North Shore Road. Note the planning approval for the changing facilities expires in 2024.	At a meeting with the swimming groups on 6/3/23 they stated that they do not want a changing facility on the Mooragh prom, and that the focus should be south beach facilities.	PL	Nov-23	SB	Sep-23	
	Mooragh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter, the school has been contacted and asked to complete the work.	The school have been contacted about the missing sea gull! Further enquiries made to school.	PL	Jan-24	SB	Apr-23	
	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).Chased Dec 2022 and Feb 23- no change. TC wrote to DEFA Minister, and response given to members at July 2023 board meeting. A new cycle shop has set up in another one of the units, DEFA have been informed.	WD	Nov-23	TRKC	Jun-23	
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Public Inquiry 22-23-24th January 2024.	Attend Inquiry	FGP	Jan-24	TRKC	Jan-24	

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	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 have submitted a planning application for the Britannia. The Britannia planning application has been revised July 2023. Brewery asked about the Brit, Stanley and Royal George Sept 2023. The Stanley has been sold.	WD	Jan-24	SB	May-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.	Manx Telecom report March 2023 board pack.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Jun-24	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelter at Town hall complete, planning application for tram station submitted(by DOI), revised planning application being prepared for Station Road.	The two RTC shelters are complete (Town Hall and Shoprite Car park). Tram station shelter yet to be installed. TC has been in contact with railways Chief Engineer.	WD	Jan-24	MC	Jun-24	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldyn 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.	Work complete, next step formal hand over meeting with Dandara (TC contacted Jan 24).	FGP	Jan-24	TRKC	Mar-24	
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 has been cleaned prior to 11/11/23. Minor scratches to the slate name plates are being addressed.	WD	Nov-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 RNLI. DTC has consulted with DOI, RNLI, MSCC and representatives of swimmers/beach users.	See 2023-4 project list. Lead member is progressing the shelter with the swimming group and other stakeholders. See Dec 24 minutes.	PL	Jan-24	SB	Sep-23	

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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.	Retain on tracker for future reference, no action required currently.	FGP	May-23	SB	Apr-23	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	First shelter is complete, 2nd shelter currently paused.	PL	Dec-23	SB	Jun-24	
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate	Quotes received and forwarded to the potential purchasers. Now with the advocates. First sale progressing, queries over right of access being addressed.		Jan-24	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24	
Feb-23	Move from weekly to monthly pay	Met with HR advisors and preparing option appraisal ahead of a plan. There will be consultation with the workforce.	Unions, MIRS and workforce have been informed. Currently in consultation stage. Union meeting 12th Jan.		Jan-24	TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Survey to be issued, responses collected and collated.	Prepare for event.		Jan-24	SB	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Claughbane Public Open Space	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS.	Agreed, planning application to be submitted.		Jan-24	TC	Dec-24	
Nov-23	Mooragh Park Disabled Parking	Review position of disabled parking (2023/24:216).	Inform Costa.		Dec-23	BW	May-24	
Nov-23	Social Media Campaign showing the work of the commission.	Prepare content	Prepare content		Dec-23	SB	Feb-24	

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Projects 2022-23

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3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed.	To be done at time of shop refit (April 2024)	WD	BW	Apr-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	States on order.	HP	RK	Mar-23	

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Projects 2023-24

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1	Feb-23	Toilet Millennium Garden	Planning approval has not been permitted for the toilets, flood risk and aesthetics being the issues.	Report Nov. Tesco have also been asked to help and provide facilities.	HP	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	3 quotes received, and checking detail with the consultants.		HP	MC	Jul-23	
5	Mar-23	Town Hall rear entrance	Proposal received, this must work with our current security/access system.		WD	MC	Apr-24	
7	Mar-23	Vehicle Trackers	Considering alternatives		WD	BW	Feb-24	
9	Mar-23	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	BW	Dec-23	
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed.		HP	SB/MC	Sep-23	
13	Mar-23	North Prom Changing Facility	Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb. Swimming group do not want a facility on the north prom.	Construct To be decided as part of 2024-25 budget.	WD	SB/MC	Sep-23	

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
COMPETITION ACT 2021 – SECONDARY LEGISLATION
JANUARY, 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Office of Fair Trading, via the Cabinet Office, has issued a consultation regarding Secondary Legislation pertinent to the Competition Act 2021.. The overview for the consultation is as follows:

Overview

The Competition Act 2021 ('the Act') was passed by Tynwald and given Royal Assent in 2021. It will be brought into force by an appointed day order together with the necessary secondary legislation making provision for:

- the procedure for investigations into suspected anti-competitive practices or markets that appear to be malfunctioning.
- the methodology to be applied in fixing penalties and restitution following such investigations.
- merger notification thresholds.
- the procedure for hearings in cases where the OFT believes that the parties to a merger were under a duty to notify of it of that merger but failed to do so.
- the procedure for investigations into proposed mergers.

Consultation with the public will take place and ultimately the secondary legislation will be submitted to Tynwald in early 2024.

Why your views matter

In terms of merger policy, the purpose of the Act is to bring the IOM competition legislation in line with UK and international standards whilst at the same time ensuring the legislation is fit for purpose in the IOM, taking into account its economic size and composition.

The secondary legislation is subject to consultation and has been drafted to ensure the IOM OFT undertakes investigations in a fair and transparent manner, that the process is easy to understand and allows companies/individuals to continue undertaking business with ease. This consultation will assist in the technical detail of the secondary legislation

For clarity, there has been no previous merger policy in the IOM and there is no fee for a merger review. Therefore the legislation will not be retrospective and will not affect merger agreements that have already been signed.

**Town Clerk's Report – Competition Act 2021 – Secondary Legislation –
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

A copy of the full questions comprising this Consultation are enclosed for Members' information and a summary of the suggested responses thereto are as provided hereunder:-

Question		Response
1.	Are you responding as: Other	A Local Authority –
2.	If responding on behalf of an organisation...name and identity	Ramsey Town Commissioners
3.	Could you provide your email if we wish to follow up with some of your responses?	enquiries@rtc.gov.im
4.	May we publish your response?	Yes you can... in full

Competition Investigation

The OFT has made rules of procedure in respect of the carrying out of investigations under section 9(4) of the Act, relating to alleged anti-competitive practices and abuse of a dominant market position. These are the draft Competition (Investigations) (Anti-Competitive Practices and Markets) Rules 2023.

5.	Do you have any comments regarding these rules?	
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Sanctions

The sanctions will provide the OFT with powers in line with competition authorities in the UK and the EU. These sanctions will only be imposed after an investigation into anti-competitive practices or abuse of a dominant market position has been completed and found that an anti-competitive practice has occurred. The draft Competition (Methodology) (Penalties and Restitution) Regulations 2023 set out the methodology by which the OFT will determine any financial penalty or restitution imposed by virtue of section 18 of the Act.

6.	There is a 6 step process in calculating the penalty under the Act. Do you have any comments on the process?	No – the six steps would appear to cover the relevant areas
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The six steps are:

- 1 Seriousness
- 2 Length of time (can multiply the fine by number of years)
- 3 Aggravating factors
- 4 Mitigating factor
- 5 Market Share and Turnover
- 6 Nature of infringement, role in the infringement, impact on the competition size and financial position – sufficient deterrent

**Town Clerk's Report – Competition Act 2021 – Secondary Legislation –
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7.	The OFT may reduce the penalty if the undertaking acknowledges its participation in an infringement and makes appropriate redress for that infringement. Is the proposed adjustment process open and transparent?	Yes
8.	The OFT may grant an undertaking and the entity's directors/officers immunity from any penalty under these Regulations, before an investigation has commenced. After an investigation has commenced depending on the circumstances the OFT may grant immunity; issue a reduction in the level of the financial penalty of up to 100%; issue protection for the entity's employees and directors. Are the proposed provisions regarding immunity and whistleblowing open and transparent?	Yes –

Merger

What is the definition of a merger?

The meaning of a merger is defined under section 22 of the Act , when two or more enterprises cease to be distinct and become one entity (but may still operate separately as two individual companies).

This also covers acquisitions, meaning a company that owns the whole or substantial part of the business. The acquisitions encompassed would be those where there is the ability to materially influence policy/management decisions and the commercial objectives of the company. There does not necessarily need to be a controlling interest. For the purposes of a merger reference, where a person acquires control of an enterprise during a series of transactions or successive events within a single two-year period, this will be treated as having occurred or occurring simultaneously on the date of the last transaction.

For the purpose of a merger assessment, what is a substantial lessening of competition (SLC)?

Competition is the process of rivalry over time between businesses seeking to win customers' business by offering them better goods or services. An SLC occurs in the event a merger results in substantially less intense rivalry, than would otherwise have been the case, resulting in a worse outcome for customers (through, for example, higher prices, reduced quality or reduced choice).

Identifying the relevant markets

The OFT consider that merger investigations should only cover the domestic sectors of the economy which affect local consumers such as retail/wholesale, construction etc. All other sectors/industries whose customer base is abroad and whose revenues are primarily derived from exports should be excluded from the merger investigation as they would not impact local consumers or the domestic economy. This would include banks, e-gaming, shipping, life assurance and other professional services

9..	What mergers/acquisition assessments undertaken by the OFT cover	Only those affecting the local domestic economy
	Do you have any comments regarding this	
	The competition (Proposed Mergers) (Investigation Procedures) Rules 2023, would appear to be framed in that the investigation should be private and confidential Section 7(5) states the investigator may invite comments, including by public survey, from third parties, which may include (a) members of the public; (b) other parties operating in the same market; (c) suppliers to the relevant parties. This could jeopardise the ongoing business of the firm for what is a proposed merger.	

The financial threshold for a merger assessment

The OFT should be notified of a proposed merger under section 23(1) of the Act . Small scale mergers may be seen to have minimal impact on both the marketplace and consumers and would therefore ordinarily not merit scrutiny from the OFT. When reviewing past investigations, researching key industries, the merger investigation threshold should be set at £20m revenue for both buyer and seller

10.	Is this an open and transparent threshold for the OFT to embark on a merger assessment?	Yes
	Do you have any comments regarding this?	
	The rules are clear if they are fair it is not an issue that Ramsey Town Commissioners has the ability to determine or comment upon.	

How is the market share threshold determined?

A merger assessment may take place if the new entity would have at least 40% market share based on sales volume. Although 25% market share would be used as a trigger in the UK when investigating mergers, due to the IOM smaller market size, with some entities already having more than a quarter of the market, a 40% market share would show a dominant position, which is why this figure has been used.

11.	Is a 40% threshold a reasonable market share threshold for the OFT to undertake an investigation	Yes
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Time frame for a merger assessment/investigation

The procedure after the OFT has been informed of a merger is highlighted under section 24 of the Act . If the financial or economic threshold under section 23 has been reached the OFT will undertake an initial assessment of the merger and make a determination which may take up to 20 working days. If additional information is needed to make a decision the OFT will ask for more evidence and may take up to 3 months to make a decision, in accordance with section 25(9) of the Act. In the event the OFT considers the merger may have exceptional and compelling reasons of public policy, the Council of Ministers must be informed as stated under section 24(4b). The OFT will aim to undertake its assessment/investigation as quickly as possible

12.	Do you have any comments in terms of the time frame for the merger assessments/investigations?	Yes
	If this process is protracted and takes more than 20 days this could well put the merger in jeopardy. Speed of investigation and action is important to ensure that mergers that are appropriate and not anti-competitive are not compromised by a lengthy investigations and review process.	
13.	Do you have any comments on the merger assessment form document?	No

Merger hearing rules

In the event OFT is not informed of a merger prior to completion, a hearing will take place to determine whether the two parties/new entity should have notified the office. The procedure for these hearings is set out in the Competition (Merger Hearings) Rules 2023.

14.	Do you have any comments on the procedure of the hearings?	No
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Final Comments

15.	Do you have any other general comments?	No
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Responses to the consultation, a full copy of which is enclosed for members' information, have been sought by the Local Government Team of the Department of Infrastructure, by 24th January, 2024, but any questions should be put to the Officers of the Office of Fair Trading..

Recommendation: For discussion.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk

9th January, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – MANX WHIPPY
JANUARY 2024 – 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.

The company is requesting that a new Street Trader's Licence be issued for 2024 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 2024.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

9th January 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
JANUARY 2024 - 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 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st December 2023 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £1,431,018.40 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £29,288.01 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in December 2023. 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 2023-24 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 31st December 2023 is attached at Appendix 2.

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 2023-24 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

New refuse collection vehicle	£206,845.
Tipper vehicles	£100,614.
New mowers & equipment	£28,963.
Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£698,879.
Professional fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£129,149.
Replacement windows – Gladstone Av. & Vernon Rd.	£198,287.
Replacement footpaths – Vernon Road	29,747.
New street lighting – LEDs	£72,246.
New festoon decorative lighting and equipment	£12,257.

It should be noted that the refuse vehicle, Cronk Elfin refurbishment, Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites redevelopment, Gladstone Avenue & Vernon Road works and the new LEDs are all funded by capital loans which have been petitioned, approved by Treasury and received.

Petitions to borrow for the Tipper vehicles and Replacement windows have been submitted and await Treasury approval.

Recommendation: To be noted.

**Finance Officer's General Report
January 2024 - Public Continued:**

Rates

During December 2023 £84,904 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2023-24 financial year. This is the fourth instalment for the 2023-24 financial year (in November & December 2022 a total of £129,099 was received in respect of the 2022-23 financial year).

At 31st December 2023 the total 2023-24 rate income receipts were £2,789,955 (2022-23 £2,680,827).

10th January 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during December 2023

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Banks	Loan capital payments	508,061.55
Banks	Loan interest payments	409,669.04
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	176,128.19
Various	Vernon Rd. & Gladstone Av. Paths & windows	108,310.12
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	45,997.39
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	33,948.50
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	31,849.76
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply & water charges	22,026.30
Various	Town events	16,081.47
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	14,545.12
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	11,068.09
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	11,021.28
Various	Legal & professional fees : boundary extension	8,848.90
Various	Legal & professional fees : housing	5,686.32
Various	Park goods & materials	5,645.40
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	4,864.53
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones & Directory advertising	2,750.55
Various	IT costs	2,226.76
Various	Contract cleaning	2,182.00
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	1,693.01
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,569.76
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,441.04
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,335.53
Various	Gift vouchers & retirement gift	1,172.99
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	Public notices	1,155.06
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	512.60
RTC	Petty cash	511.73
Various	Street lighting maintenance	470.80
Various	Legal & professional fees : non-housing	213.60
Various	Security & safety	31.01
		1,431,018.40
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	13,376.55
Various	Recycling charges	9,291.00
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	4,303.04
Various	Equipment repairs	810.00
Various	Administration	654.85
Manx Utilities	Heat & Light	418.21
Various	Site maintenance	178.33
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	167.63
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	68.42
Bank	Charges	19.98
		29,288.01

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Suppliers utilised during December 2023

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	March Consultants Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Martindale Electric Co. Ltd.	UK
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Brunell Engraving Co. Ltd.	UK	Northern Men in Sheds	IOM
Buffalo Bowling & Leisure Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Orona Ltd.	UK
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Cornerstone Architects Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Diversesigns Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Promenade Shirts & Embroidery Ltd.	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Quadient UK Ltd.	UK
Event Lighting Services Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Galaxy Fireworks IOM	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Greens Garage	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Star Services Ltd.	IOM
Institution of Lighting Professionals	UK	Steven Morley Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. t/a Hoistline	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	Switched-on Entertainment & Events Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	TCQ Ltd.	IOM
K Davies t/a 3-Legs Golf	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
L C Consultancy Ltd.	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM	Voodoo Ltd.	IOM
Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
Manx Glass & Glazing Ltd.	IOM	Workwear Express Ltd.	UK
Manx Roots Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK

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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st DECEMBER 2023 - Appendix 2

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	3,731,932	3,807,978	(76,046)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	282	0	282	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	12,031	12,410	(379)	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	28,884	31,717	(2,833)	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
Sub Total	£3,773,129	£3,852,105	(£78,976)	£ 4,769,734	£ 4,935,885	£ (166,151)

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	174,846	22,342	152,504	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	59,874	0	59,874	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	43,395	0	43,395	72,348	0	72,348
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	18,550	0	18,550	11,246	0	11,246
Mansail Lease	6,664	9,085	(2,421)	4,650	11,552	(6,902)
Lakeside Centre	3,832	9,777	(5,945)	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	2,668	14,738	(12,070)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	1,567	11,250	(9,683)	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	2,281	0	2,281	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	9,045	0	9,045	25,568	0	25,568
Private Property Repairs	419	0	419	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	6,657	0	6,657	1,458	0	1,458
Apprentices	18,227	1,536	16,691	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	12,660	15,750	(3,090)	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	71,781	0	71,781	83,300	0	83,300
Sub Total	£447,266	£84,478	£362,788	£590,664	£104,753	£485,911

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	3,520	0	3,520	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	24,911	22,659	2,252	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	635,181	86,868	548,313	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	174,327	0	174,327	232,435	0	232,435
Sewers & Pumps	78,208	78,208	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	107,572	0	107,572	82,060	0	82,060
Decorative maint.	10,405	0	10,405	23,040	0	23,040
Decorative lighting new items	(8,200)	0	(8,200)	26,436	0	26,436
Local Services	159,216	0	159,216	220,677	0	220,677
Sub Total	£1,185,140	£187,735	£997,405	£1,653,578	£266,335	£1,387,243

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	63,065	14,941	48,124	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	189,179	102	189,077	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	739	0	739	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	115,111	6,365	108,746	148,505	9,269	139,236
Sub Total	£368,094	£21,408	£346,686	£512,461	£34,604	£477,857

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	57,136	0	57,136	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	572,352	60,855	511,497	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	5,248	0	5,248	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	35,812	49,524	(13,712)	36,397	24,431	11,966
Swimming Pool	35,311	0	35,311	44,154	0	44,154
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	2,123	333	1,790	3,333	1,196	2,137
Sub Total	£709,982	£110,712	£599,270	£1,010,725	£148,721	£862,004

TOTAL	£6,483,611	£4,256,438	£2,311,651	£ 8,537,162	£ 5,490,298	£ 3,046,864
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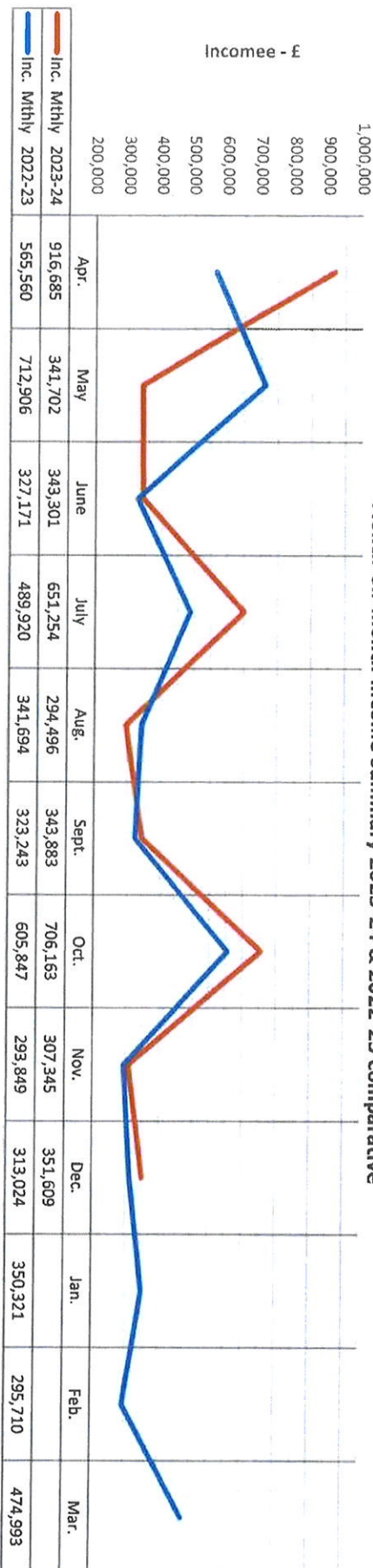
Town rates	£ -	£2,983,711	(£2,983,711)	£ -	£ 3,283,799	(£3,283,799)
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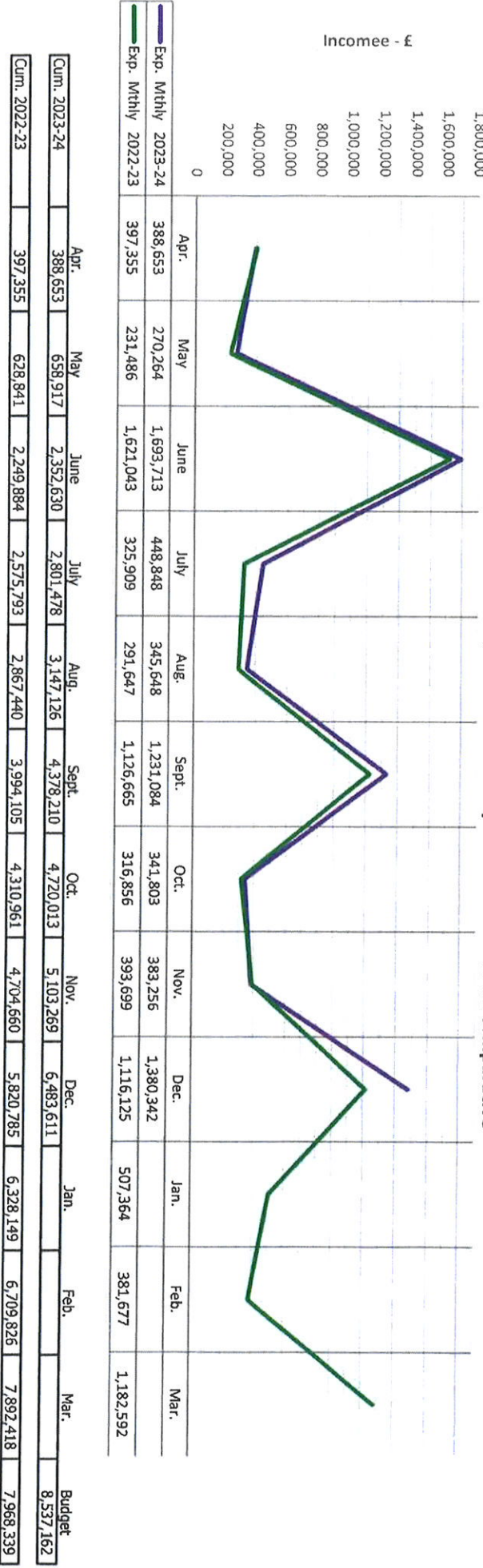
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30th NOVEMBER 2023

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2023-24 & 2022-23 comparative



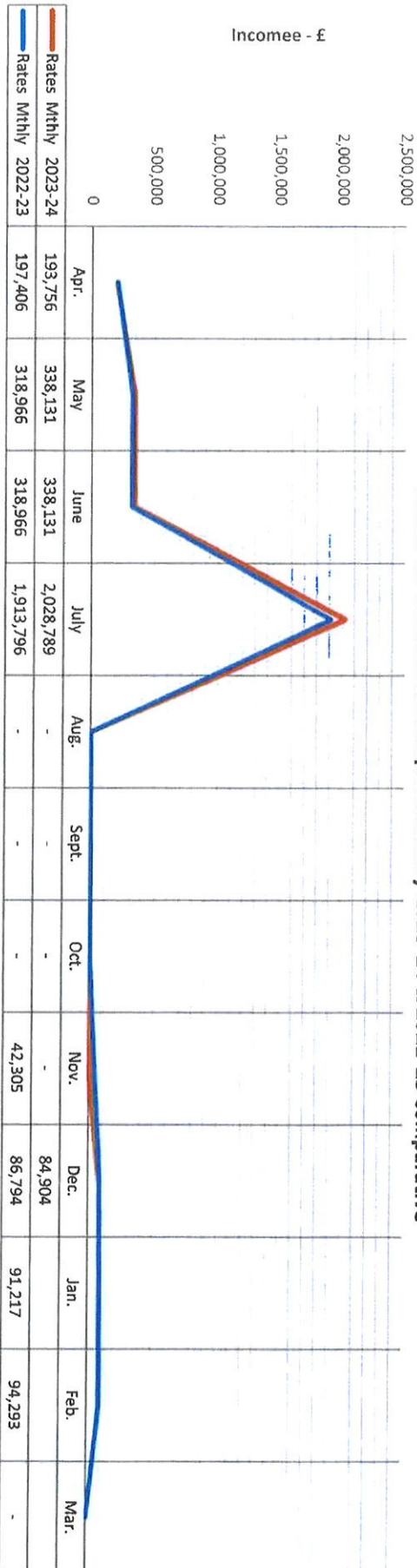
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Month-on-month expenditure summary 2023-24 & 2022-23 comparative



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30th NOVEMBER 2023**

Appendix 2

Ramsay Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2023-24 & 2022-23 comparative



	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Budget
Cum. 2023-24	193,756	531,887	870,018	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,983,711				3,283,799
Cum. 2022-23	197,406	516,372	835,338	2,749,134	2,749,134	2,749,134	2,749,134	2,791,439	2,878,233	2,969,450	3,063,743	3,063,743	3,013,336

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONSULTATION CLIMATE CHANGE (INFRASTRUCTURE
PLANNING) (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(APPLICATION) ORDER 2023
JANUARY, 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure has issued a consultation entitled and concerning "Climate Change (Infrastructure Planning) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Application) Order 2023. The overview for the consultation is as follows:

Overview

This consultation exercise is to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed application of the Infrastructure (Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (of Parliament) under the provisions of the Climate Change Act 2021, section 31. Consultation is required under Section 35.

Why your views matter

The purpose of this consultation exercise is to comply with the principles of the Council of Ministers Public Engagement and Consultation Principles (October 2017) and to provide an opportunity for the consideration of the proposals.

By way of background, the Department of Infrastructure has been pursuing the formulation of a set of secondary Regulations to be prepared under the provisions of the Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016. The Department continues to progress with this work, including undertaking consultation on those principles, and it is hoped they will be fully enacted following Tynwald in July 2024.

The Department granted an Agreement for Lease to the then DONG Energy (now Orsted, and the Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm) in 2015.

As part of the pre-application requirements, and to inform its application, Orsted needs to seek a request for Scoping Opinion from the Department. The proposed regulations will enable this initial step in the process to proceed whilst work continues on finalising the regulations under the Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016.

A copy of the full questions comprising this Consultation are enclosed for Members' information and a summary of the suggested responses thereto are as provided hereunder (the question numbers are for easy of reference only):-

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Climate Change...
Impact Assessment (Application) Order 2023
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

Question		Response
1.	What is your name?	T. R. K. Cowin
2.	What is your email address@	enquiries@rtc.gov.im
3.	Are you responding on behalf of an organisation@	Yes – Ramsey Town Commissioners
4.	May we publish your response?	Yes you can... in full

What the Regulations will apply to

It is also the intention that the Regulations will be limited as to what they apply to. It is the intention that these Regulations formulation under the provisions of the Climate Change Act 2021 can only apply to specific controlled marine activities (including associated marine activities in respect of these controlled marine activities), namely:

- offshore renewable energy generation installations and
- laying of submarine cables

5.	Do you agree with the proposal to apply over these UK Regulations in respect of the preliminary stages of application preparation, specifically in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment process?	Yes
6.	Do you agree with the proposed extent to which these Regulations apply?	Yes
7.	Do you agree with the limited, proposed controlled marine activities (and associated marine activities) that the Regulations will apply to?	Yes
8.	Do you agree that these Regulations should provide a mechanism that recognises pre-application work to be taken into account when the Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016 is fully enacted?	Yes

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

9.	Do you agree with what is being proposed for inclusion within the Environmental Impact Assessment process?	Yes
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**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Climate Change...
Impact Assessment (Application) Order 2023
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

Scoping Opinion

10.	With regards to what is being proposed in respect of Scoping Opinions, do you agree with what the Regulations will contain?	Yes
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Consultation

11.	Do you agree with what is proposed to be included with regards consultation for an application which requires an EIA to be submitted?	Yes
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Exemptions

12.	<p>Do you agree that the Council of Ministers should have the power to exempt a controlled marine activity from the requirements of these Regulations in exceptional circumstances?</p> <p>Please explain you view</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>COMIN should not be able to exempt controlled marine activities as these Regulations would appear to be proportionate and necessary to control development.</p>
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Consequential amendment

The Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016 sets out in S.61:

1. The Department may by regulations make transitional provision in connection with the commencement of this Act
2. In particular, the regulations shall aim to ensure continuity of process so far as possible; and for that purpose the regulations may:
 - a. Provide for anything done under a consenting regime to have effect as if done under this Act
 - b. Provide for anything done in preparation for or in connection with anything done or to be done under a consenting regime to have effect as if done for a similar purpose in connection with this Act

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Climate Change...
Impact Assessment (Application) Order 2023
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

As part of the preparation of these Regulations, it is proposed that there will be a consequential amendment to the Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2021, namely after section 61(2)(b) add:

c. 'provide for anything done under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 as applied to the Island by the Climate Change (Infrastructure Planning) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Application) Order 2023* to have effect as if done for a similar purpose in connection with this Act'

The purpose of this consequential amendment is to ensure that anything done in these Regulations can be considered as being part of the pre-application work undertaken.

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13.	Do you agree with this proposed consequential amendment?	Yes
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Supplementary Provision

In addition to the proposed consequential amendment, it is further proposed that the following will be included within the Regulations:

The Council of Ministers may direct that anything done in anticipation of these Regulations coming into operation:

- a. which would be required under them if they were in operation, to have effect as if done under these Regulations or
- b. in preparation for, or in connection with, anything to be done under these Regulations, as if done for the purposes of these Regulations

14.	Do you agree with the inclusion of this supplementary provision? Please explain your view	No The timing for the Regulations is wrong or this matter has been delayed for some reason. It is wrong to add this supplementary provision.
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Further work

The Department of Infrastructure continues to work with advisors to understand some of the provisions contained within the UK Regulations, and seek to understand whether they are appropriate to include within these 'adapted and modified' Regulations.

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Climate Change...
Impact Assessment (Application) Order 2023
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The Department of Infrastructure acknowledges that there are areas where further investigation and consideration are required, however, it values all comments received as part of this consultation exercise. It should also be noted that before the Application Order can be finalised, the Department of Infrastructure will instruct its advisors to undertake a comparison of both the Application Order and subsequent Regulations, as proposed under the Climate Change Act 2021 along with the draft Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016 Regulations to ensure there is continuity between both Acts which relate to the controlled marine activities within the controlled marine area. It is essential that they complement each other.

All feedback received as part of this consultation exercise will be taken into account alongside the views of the Department's advisors, and the final position on these Regulations will be formalised through the subsequent Application Order which will be made by the Council of Ministers under the Climate Change Act 2021.
<https://consult>.

Responses to the consultation have been sought by the Central Support and Change Division of the Department of Infrastructure, by 16th February, 2024, to whom any questions should be put.

Recommendation: For discussion.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk

11th January, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONSULTATION MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATIONS
JANUARY, 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure has issued a consultation entitled and concerning "Marine Infrastructure Regulations". The overview for the consultation is as follows:

Overview

As background, in 2016, the Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016 ('the Act' or 'MIMA') received Royal Assent. The Act is to make provision for a consenting process for certain activities in the Island marine environment and for connected purposes. In short, the Act applies to the controlled marine area, defined as the area between mean high water mark and the seaward boundary of the Isle of Man territorial sea (within the meaning of the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (an Act of Parliament)). It relates to a specific number of controlled marine areas identified in the Act as:

- a. Offshore renewable energy generation
- b. Aggregate extraction
- c. Laying of submarine cables
- d. Laying of submarine pipelines
- e. Gas drilling
- f. Carbon capture and storage and
- g. Exploration for and exploitation of natural gas and petroleum (within the meaning given by section 9 of the Petroleum Act 1986 (interpretation))

A limited number of provisions have been enacted, and the Department is now in the process of bringing the remaining part of the Act into operation. The Department is to consult on the broad principle that are to be included in the Marine Infrastructure Regulations.

The Department will determine the best way by which to introduce the Regulations, either split into component parts, or as one suite, and will be dependent on legal advice.

Why your views matter

During the passage of the Bill through the Branches, the Department gave a commitment the Department would consult on the secondary legislation resulting out of the Act.

This consultation is a direct result of that commitment. The Department would value any comments in relation to this consultation, all of which will be taken into consideration alongside the advice the Department will receive from its external legal and industry advisors. The Department's final position will be reflected in the finalised Regulations which the Department intends to be ready for the July sitting of Tynwald in 2024.

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Marine Infrastructure Regulations –
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

A copy of the full questions comprising this Consultation are enclosed for Members' information and a summary of the suggested responses thereto are as provided hereunder (the question numbers are for easy of reference only):-

Question		Response
1.	What is your name?	T. Cowin
2.	What is your email address@	enquiries@rtc.gov.im
3.	Are you responding on behalf of an organisation@	Yes – Ramsey Town Commissioners
4.	May we publish your response?	Yes you can... in full

Introductory

The Regulations will explain:

what is meant by certain terms used in the Regulations and who is to be consulted for certain purposes ('relevant consultees') are either those specified in the Act itself (statutory consultees) or those listed a Schedule to these Regulations.

Pre-application and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The Regulations will set out the procedure to be followed before an application for consent is made. In particular it will deal with:

- a. how Scoping Opinions are drawn up by the Department of Infrastructure at the applicant's request and it will set out the scope, and level, of detail of the information to be provided by the applicant in the applicant's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which will accompany any application for Marine Infrastructure Consent
- b. pre-application consultation to be carried out by the applicant which, under section 10 of the Act, must begin after the issue of the Scoping Opinion and allow at least 40 working days for responses.

It is the Department's intention at this stage that the process for scoping the Environmental Impact Assessments will be based on the **Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (gov.uk)** <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/572/contents/made> adapted and modified, as appropriate to ensure they are relevant for the Isle of Man. However, it should be noted that the Department has now engaged legal advisors as well as industry advisors so the Department will request their views on the inclusion of these principles.

The Department will also consider how the EIA process in the UK is currently being reviewed and will seek to understand the rationale for the revisions proposed. If appropriate, the Department will consider how it could best include some of these revisions within the Regulations. The Department remains committed to ensuring that the MIMA regime is appropriate and proportionate for the requirements of the Isle of Man.

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January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

5.	Do you agree that the Department is considering the inclusion of the principles contained within the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 as adapted and modified within the Marine Infrastructure Regulations?	Yes
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List of Consultees (as detailed within the copy of the consultation provided)

6.	Do you agree with the proposed list of consultees and the circumstances under which they will be consulted? Please explain your view:	Yes – the likely impact and the distance from the proposed impact (especially for wind turbines) are important factors for determining consultees.
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7.	Are there any other consultees that you think should be identified in the list...?	No
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Publication of details – (as detailed within the copy of the consultation provided)

8.	Do you agree with this level of publication, by an applicant, of a proposed application?	Yes
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Pre-application environmental information reporting and engagement

The Department is currently determining what should form part of its pre-application process within the provisions of MIMA and is considering whether a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') equivalent should be prepared as part of this pre-application consultation process.

The purpose of the PEIR for some of the English and Welsh projects is to provide early information to allow stakeholders to develop an informed view of the potential impacts of the development and to consider any proposed mitigation measures if they have been put forward by the applicant. This process involves identifying potentially likely significant effects resulting from the projects, allowing them to be avoided or minimised where possible, as well as identifying any potential beneficial environmental impacts. In Scotland, there is no PEIR, and limited statutory consultation prior to application submission. It is recognised that the preparation of the PEIR is an extra requirement to be provided by the applicant at significant expense and requires additional pressures on the stakeholders involved in the process as they need to consider the report, its outcomes and provide sufficient feedback if they determine it would be beneficial to their area of expertise.

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Marine Infrastructure Regulations –
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The format of such a report presents the findings of the early surveys and assessments that have been carried out and reports on the significance of the results. Consultation on the equivalent in the UK is undertaken by the applicant and allows for early engagement with stakeholders. The outcome should both inform the application as well as forming part of the application submission as part of the consultation report to be submitted in support of the application.

The Department will continue to engage with Industry and legal advisors to understand how pre-application is undertaken in other jurisdictions such as Scotland where there is no PEIR equivalent requirement. Once the consultation closes, the Department will consider all responses along with discussions with its appointed advisors, and will make an informed decision as to what should constitute the pre-application requirements for future applications in the controlled marine area.

9.	Do you agree that a similar process to the PEIR should form part of the pre-application consultation process for Marine Infrastructure Consent? Please explain your view	Yes. A preliminary environmental information report is essential to allow consultees to understand the likely impacts and engage with the developer at the earliest possible point in the process.
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10.	Can you see any benefits from the inclusion of a requirement pre-application whereby stakeholders have the opportunity to review and consider the preliminary studies and work done to date, and have an opportunity to provide feedback prior to an application being submitted?	Yes
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11.	Is there another mechanism that you propose which would benefit the overall application and decision making process ensuring there is sufficient stakeholder engagement at an early, pre-application stage?	No
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Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)

It is intended that the Regulations will set out the process for developing, and the content of, Environmental Statements (statements covering an Environmental Impact Assessment of the controlled marine activity in respect of which an application for marine infrastructure consent is sought) and which must accompany such an application.

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Marine Infrastructure Regulations –
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

It is the Department's intention that the process for the preparation of Environmental Statements will be based on the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and adapted and modified, as appropriate to ensure they are relevant for the Isle of Man. There will also be a provision for additional information to be supplied if it has been determined by the Examiner that insufficient information has been submitted in support of an application.

It should also be noted that MIMA requires all applications in respect of controlled marine activities to be accompanied by an EIA. There is no provision for screening of applications, the Department determined that all applications seeking a Marine Infrastructure Consent must be supported by an EIA.

It is the Department's intention that an EIA will be proportionate and applicable to the proposed activity. It should be noted that an EIA will describe and assess the direct and indirect significant effect of the proposed activity on the following:

- a. population and human health
- b. biodiversity, with particular attention to species and habitats protected under Manx law
- c. land, soil, water air and climate
- d. the seabed
- e. material assets, cultural heritage, landscape and the seascape

12.	Do you agree that the proposed contents of an EIA as listed above adequately covers all areas of interest to be included within an EIA and subsequent Environmental Statement?	Yes
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The Application:

Exemptions:

13.	Do you agree that the above activities should be exempted from requiring a Marine Infrastructure Consent (they would still require relevant consents under the extant consenting regimes prior to being undertaken	Yes
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14.	Are there any other activities that you feel should be exempted from requiring a Marine Infrastructure Consent (noting that it only already applies to Controlled Marine Activities, as identified in section 6 of the Act)?	No
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**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Marine Infrastructure Regulations –
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

Fees:

15.	Do you agree that the consent process under MIMA should be as cost neutral as possible, to Government, and that costs are recovered as far as possible from the applicant?	Yes
16.	Do you agree that the Isle of Man should seek to charge a comparable amount as is charged in the UK through the Planning Inspectorate? Please explain your view	Yes – provided that it is proportionate to the size and scope of the project.
17.	Do you suggest any other charging mechanisms that have been successfully used to recover costs to Government from the handling and examination of applications for Marine Infrastructure Consent regardless of the outcome of any such applications?	No

Cross-jurisdiction works

18.	Do you agree that elements of an application which are proposed to sit outside the Controlled Marine Area should be considered as part of a Marine Infrastructure Consent? Please explain your view	No – On land elements of a project should follow the appropriate planning process
19.	Do you believe that it should be limited to some elements of an application for Marine Infrastructure Consent, or should it be applicable to all elements that sit outside the Controlled Marine Area?	
20.	Are there any specific elements of an application which are proposed to sit outside the Controlled Marine Area that you believe could be considered as part of a Marine Infrastructure Consent? Please explain your view	Yes. Small structures under a certain size or volume.

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Marine Infrastructure Regulations –
January, 2024 – Public Continued:**

Responses to the consultation have been sought by the Local Government Team of the Department of Infrastructure, by 16th February, 2024, to whom any questions should be put.

Recommendation: For discussion.

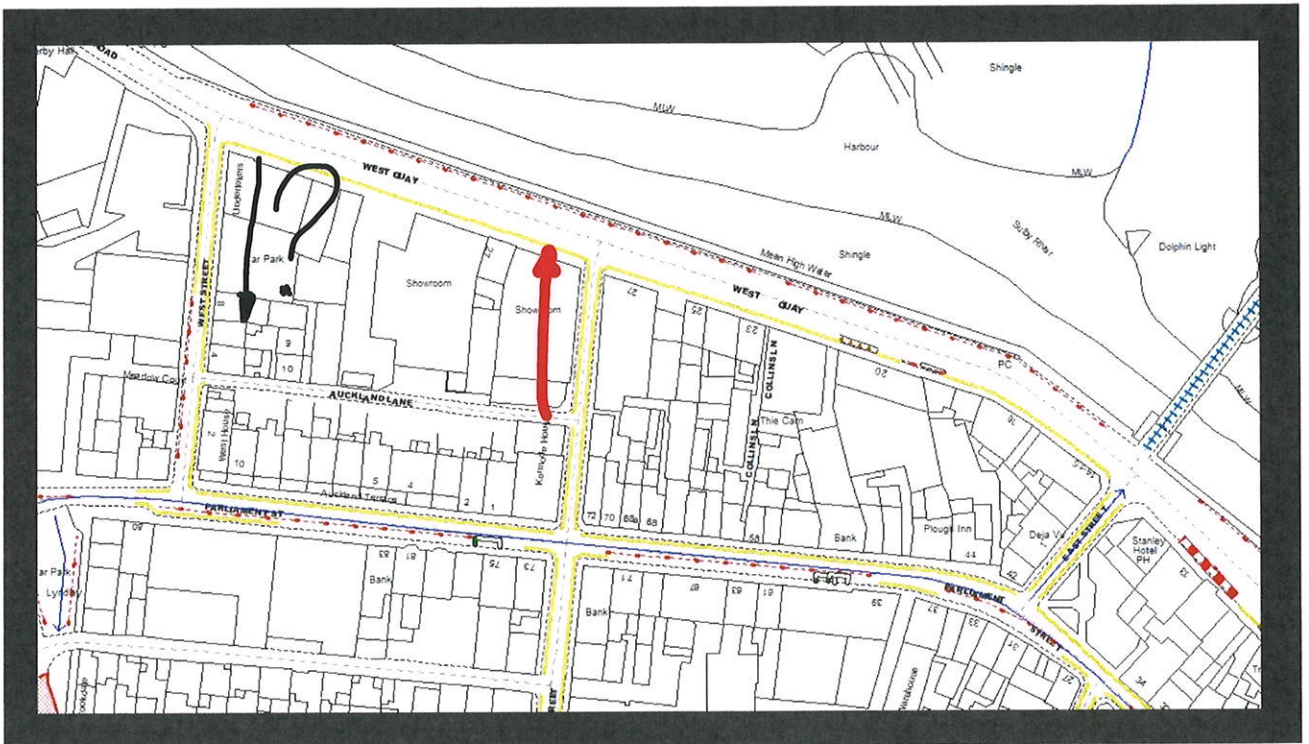
T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk

10th January, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CHRISTIAN STREET AND WEST STREET
JANUARY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure Highway Services Division are progressing with the Christian Street one way from the junction with Parliament Street to the quay. They could make West Street one way in the direction from the quay to Parliament Street. They have not checked the turning circle for larger vehicles (however there are deliveries to Furniture Land in HGV's a number of times per week and they access West Street from the quay), the Commissioners' views are sought.



Issues for consideration

- West Street will be busier as this will be the only access onto Parliament Street from the quay
- The Town Hall car park is accessed off West Street

Recommendation: For discussion

9th January, 2024.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JANUARY, 2024 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following application has been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The application is 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: 4017
P.A. NO.: [23/01386/B](#)
PROPOSED: Extension to rear of garage to provide oil tank storage. Dormer roof extension above existing garage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **The Dowry, Richmond Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4017
P.A. NO.: [23/01442/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of a flue
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **45, Lezayre Park, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

9th January, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
BUILT ENVIRONMENT REFORM PROGRAMME
JANUARY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Government have put out a consultation on Built Environment Reform Programme, a copy of which is enclosed for members' information. This comes about due to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture's core function changes. Suggested responses to the consultation are included within this report.

The legislation sets out how applications are dealt with for:

- Planning approval (e.g. new buildings, extensions/changes to existing buildings, change of use etc);
- Minor changes to existing planning approval; and
- Approval of information required by a condition attached to a planning approval.

Not included in this consultation are Building Control Applications, Registered Building Consents, Certificates of Lawful Use of Development and Advertisement Consent.

Area 1 - Appeals

Q1 Do you think the intended outcomes described are appropriate?

- Yes, Local authorities are still afforded the right to appeal, however the emphasis is on 3rd parties to ensure that they do the prior engagement to be able to request an appeal. This should reduce late or malicious applications which could potentially waste time. Also, it enables applicants to start immediately instead of having to wait if no objections are made.

Q2 Do you think the proposed amendments set out in the draft orders will achieve the intended outcomes set out above?

- Yes

Area 2 - Fast Track Household Appeals

Q3 Do you think the intended outcomes described are appropriate?

- Yes, the issue will be dealt with quicker and without wasting time of all involved with interested party status such as local authorities or a Department, MUA or MNH.

Q4 Do you think the proposed amendments set out in the draft orders will achieve the intended outcome?

- Yes.

Area 3 - Department Applications

Q5 Do you think the intended outcomes described are appropriate?

- No. It might be more appropriate to define what might be classed as minor and major to prevent mis-use of the system, and any major schemes should automatically follow the existing prescribed route.

Q6 Do you think the proposed amendments set out in the draft orders will achieve the intended outcomes set out above?

- Yes the draft orders will achieve the intended outcomes.

Area 4 – Minor Changes Applications

Q7 Do you think the intended outcomes described are appropriate?

- Yes – the ability to make more than one application gives greater opportunity with regards to low carbon technology

Q8 Do you think the proposed amendments set out in the draft orders will achieve the intended outcomes set out above?

- Yes

Area 5 – Climate change policies

Q9 Do you think the intended outcomes described are appropriate?

- Yes – this looks to remove unnecessary cost and bureaucracy for some applications. Where information is required it is clearly set out what is needed to be considered with the application to prevent delays.

Q10 Do you think the proposed amendments set out in the draft orders will achieve the intended outcomes set out above?

- Yes

Area 6 – Planning Application Fees

Q11 – Do you have any comments in relation to the proposed fee changes?

- Fees seem to be fair.

Area 7 – Other Changes

Q12 – Do you think the proposed other changes are appropriate?

- We have concerns over the removal of the time limits for decisions on an application. The statistics show that 63% of type 3 and 4 applications and 65% of type 1 and 2 applications were determined within the target timescale. By removing the timelines what impact do you think that will have? Simple applications may be prioritised and done quicker with more complicated applications taking longer. There is an uncertainty which could have a huge impact on developments due to delays with determining applications.

**Technical Services Manager's Report – Built Environment Reform Programme–
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A13 – Do you have any other comments?

- No

Responses to the consultation have been sought by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture by the 26th January 2024, but any questions should be put to the Lead Programme Officer at Built Environment Reform Programme Team.

Recommendation: For discussion

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

8th January, 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
COMMUNITY GARDEN – TRAM STATION
JANUARY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Officers have been contacted by Ramsey Grammar School who wish to be involved in the creation of a community garden. The garden area at the Tram Station has been suggested as possible location.

This would see pupils from the school work alongside officers to develop an existing garden.

The tram station has been suggested due to its proximity to the Town Centre and due it being a gateway to the Town which would be visible to residents and visitors alike.

Members are asked if they would wish to support this initiative and to allow officers, along with the Lead Member to work alongside the school to develop this idea.

Recommendation: For discussion

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

9th January 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
EXPEDITION LIMITLESS 24
JANUARY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Officers have been contacted by a group of individuals who are staging "Expedition Limitless 24" which aims to raise £100,000 for Manx Mencap.

The expedition will see those taking part canoeing 750 kilometers down the Yukon River. Those taking part have obtained corporate sponsorship to cover the costs of the expedition.

In addition to the main Expedition the group wish to stage a 24-hour fund-raising canoeing event on the Mooragh Lake from 10 a.m. on Saturday 13th April 2024. There are no other events taking place in the Mooragh during that date.

The organisers of the Mooragh Canoe will have a detailed risk assessment, event plan and insurance for the event.

Permission will be sought from Mansail regarding the use of the lake and the organisers are seeking permission from the Commission to utilise Vintage Green (the patch of grass at the top of the Mooragh Park between the Lake and Playground). The organisers may also seek to use an area of grass near the Rugby Club House for which they will seek permission from Ramsey Rugby Club.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether they wish to grant permission for this event to take place allow use of the Vintage Green.

Recommendation: For discussion

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

9th January 2024