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Parliament Square,
Ramsey,
Isle of Man.

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12th September, 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, 18th September, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. Apologies for Absence:

Mr. S. Kelly has been granted leave of absence

2. Minutes for Adoption:

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- Board Meeting August 2024, held on 3rd September, 2024.

3. Matters arising not included within the Agenda.

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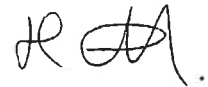
- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness viz:-
 - Dated 9th July, 2024 – Amendment of Standing Orders – Action Tracker

9. Any other Business:

page(s):

(by permission of Chairman)

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



H. S. Bevan,
Acting Town Clerk

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024, at 7.00p.m. having been rescheduled from its original date of 21st August, 2024, because of the inability of 7 members to attend on that date (Standing Order 5 (1) and (2) having been applied.

Present: Mr. R. D. Cowell, (remotely), Ms S. Cottam-Shea and Messrs. A. R. Beighton, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Ms L. Craine, Messrs. G. S. Court, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker and F. B. R. Williams. Mr. S. R. Kelly has been granted leave of absence.

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

The meeting did not fully commence until 7.25 p.m. because of technical difficulties as a result of which it was agreed by members not to live-stream the meeting on this occasion.

(2024/25:100) Minutes:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on be 17th July, 2024, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2024/25:101) Matters Arising:

No matters were raised.

Matters for Information:

(2024/25:102) Action Tracker August, 2024:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 15th August, 2024. No queries on the content were raised.

(2024/25:103) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 15th August, 2024. No queries on the content were raised.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:104) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Deputy Returning Officer:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 14th August, 2024, advising of the need to nominate a new Deputy Returning Officer, in terms of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, owing to the resignation of the Town Clerk, the current post holder.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that the Commission nominate the Acting Town Clerk to the post. [Cabinet Office approval will be sought for approval of the nomination.]

(2024/25:105) Acting Town Clerk's Report - Dog Control (Amendment) Byelaws:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 7th August, 2024, advising of the preparation of drafted amended Dog Control Byelaws, which will allow assistance dogs in areas where all dogs are currently prohibited.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, the Department of Infrastructure be informed of the Commission's approval to the Amendment Byelaws.

(2024/25:106) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Draft Local Economy Strategy and Comprehensive Treatment Area:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 14th August, 2024, advising of the Draft Local Economy Strategy released by the Department for Enterprise.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, the invitation extended by officers from the Department for Enterprise to meet the Commission and to give a presentation of the documents issued (on-line details of which were provided to members) be accepted.

(2024/25:107) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 14th August, 2024, advising of the invitation made by the Gaming Supervision Commission for the Commissioners to submit any views on the request made by Barbary Coast North to site two controlled machines at their premises 10-12 Market Place East.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con, that the Gaming Supervision be thanked for affording the opportunity to the Commissioners and they be informed that they have no comments to make on the application.

(2024/25:108) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Ramsey (Abolition of Wards) Scheme 2024:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 14th August 2024, to which was appended a draft of the above-titled Scheme. Members were reminded of the need to hold a public consultation and of the time frame involved.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con the Scheme be progressed and the Chairman and Acting Town Clerk be authorised to sign and seal the Scheme on behalf of the Commission.

(2024/25:109) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Representation in Court Actions:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 14th August 2024, concerning the desirability that the Technical Services Manager be added to the list of those officers of the Commission permitted to appear on behalf of the authority with regard to Court proceedings.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con the Technical Services Manager be added to the list of those permitted to act on behalf of the Commission, in terms of Rule 5.10 of the Rules of the High Court of Justice 2009.

(2024/25:110) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 14th August, 2024.

Works and Development:

(2024/25:111) Technical Services Manager's Report – Isle of Man Transport Strategy : Key Principles:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 13th August, 2024, advising of the receipt of the consultation issued by the Department of Transport with regard to the key principles of their strategy.

Mr. McGuinness commented he felt the department need to decide if it is committed to making an impact with regard to climate change and if so it should not be using affordability as a reason not to and as a result Principle 2 Affordability and Principle 7 Environmental Impact seemed to be conflicting.

(2024/25:112) Technical Services Manager's Report – Isle of Man Transport Strategy : Key Principles Continued:

Mr. McGuinness further commented that the department's wish to reduce dependence on private cars was not in keeping with their focus on cost cutting and reductions in public transport services. It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, that these views be also conveyed to the Department.

(2024/25:113) Technical Services Manager's Report – Permitted Development Consultation:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 12th August, 2024, advising of the consultation launched by Planning with regard to permitted development and for which suggested responses to the consultation had been included within the report.

It was noted that the consultation had closed on 2nd September, and Mr. McGuinness queried if a late response would be accepted.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con that the responses included be conveyed to Planning.

(2024/25:114) Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Policy – Cabinet Office Response:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 8th August, 2024, to which was appended the response from Cabinet with regard to the development policy and conservation areas. The response conveys an invitation to meet with the Senior Planning Policy Officer.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that the invitation to meet be accepted.

(2024/25:115) Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 14th August, 2024, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

REF NO:	4162
P.A. NO.:	<u>24/00741/A</u>
PROPOSED:	Approval in Principle for the development of 7.38 hectares of land for a residential-led development
NOTES:	Approval in Principle
SITE:	Land at Ballachrink, off Poyll Dooley Road, Ramsey.

**(2024/25:115) Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications
Cont:**

Mr. McGuinness expressed his concerns about the application in that he felt that the zoning of the imminent Area Plan should be finalised before the application was considered and felt that an observation should be made. Mr. Beighton commented that it would be poor for the town if development zoning were removed particularly in view of comments made by the Commission about the lack of available land for development.

Mr. McGuinness formally proposed submission of an observation which was seconded by Mr. Young. This was put to the vote and failed on the casting vote of the Chairman – Canon Greenwood voting in support of the proposition.

Mr. Beighton queried if any further action was required by the Commission? The Technical Services Manager informed members that it was usual to advise of “no comment” status.

Mr. Beighton formally proposed that a “no comment” response be submitted, this was seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea and carried on the casting vote of the Chairman, as he had supported the proposition.

REF NO:	4165
P.A. NO.:	<u>24/00781/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Residential development comprising 9 houses and 4 apartments with associated roads, plots and drainage
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	Land adjacent to Thornhill Manor, Clifton Drive, Ramsey

Mr. Beighton commented he had no problems with the proposals other than noting that concern had been raised with regard to leylandii trees in the vicinity; he proposed that a comment be made that leylandii trees be felled and replaced with a more suitable species. The proposal was seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea.

Mr. McGuinness proposed an amendment that the Commission comment that the area is not zoned for development, which was seconded by Mr. Young. The Housing and Property Manager informed members that the designation of the land, as open space, had been challenged within the proposed area plan because of comments submitted by the land owner. Canon Greenwood supported the amendment which failed on the casting vote of the Chairman.

Mr. Beighton's original proposal was put to the vote and carried nem con.

Appendix:

Reference was made to application 4137 and 4139 listed within the appendix, concerning the installation of telegraph poles – the Technical Services Manager enquiring whether the Commission wished to make any final comments?

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that the Planning Committee be informed that the Commission remain of the opinion that a meeting with the residents in the vicinity remains the best way forward.

Parks and Leisure:

(2024/25:116) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2024/2025:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's Report dated 7th August, 2024, conveying the costs and "back-feed" with regard to the 2024 Sprintfest and advising of the desirability to agree, or otherwise, to running the 2025 Sprintfest.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission agreed to run Sprintfest in 2025 and book the entertainers therefor, having the same format and budget for the 2024 Sprintfest.

Members were advised that in view of Mr. Cowell's ongoing declaration of pecuniary interest with regard to Sprintfest the meeting would be inquorate when a vote was taken. It was agreed to defer this matter to the Board Meeting to be held on 18th September, 2024.

(2024/25:117) Technical Assistant's Report – Ramsey in Bloom Competition:

Resolved: To note the Technical Assistant's report dated 14th August, 2024, advising of the results of the 2024 Ramsey in Bloom competitions.

Members expressed their thanks and appreciation to all entrants and congratulated them on the success of the competition and in so doing expressed their hope for a successful 2025 competition.

Any Other Business:

(2024/25:118) Notice of Motion – Variation to Standing Orders:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con, the Notice of Motion dated 30th July, 2024, standing in the name of Mr. McGuinness be deferred, in terms of Standing Order 37, without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Board.

(2024/25:119) Orsted Windfarm:

Mr. McGuinness referred to the Orsted Windfarm consultation responses to which are sought by 11th September, 2024, and asked if the Commission wished to make any formal response. Mr. Cowell queried the mechanism for a response and Mr. McGuinness informed members of an on-line portal. Mr. McGuinness commented that there was a cost to the town – the alteration to the views from the town, impact on shipping routes, environmental impact, the uncertainty of any financial impact to the town.

A proposal by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission submit a response was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried nem con.

Further proposals were put and also agreed nem con with the exception of the final point:-

- Proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton – that more should be done to mitigate the negative environmental impact;
- Proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. McGuinness – that the town should receive some financial benefit;
- Proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton – that full consultation should be undertaken with sea faring and fishing industries to ensure the least impact thereon;
- Proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. McGuinness – that should the application be successful Orsted be encouraged to view Ramsey as a centre for operation, including support for the Shipyard. Mr. Young voted against this proposition.

The Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8.18 p.m.

It was proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that consideration of the Private Agenda be suspended until the Board Meeting to be held on 18th September, 2024, because Ms Cottam-Shea was unable to be in attendance after 8.30 p.m. and the meeting would become inquorate. The proposal was agreed nem-con.

The Technical Services Manager referred to one item that required urgent consideration – it was agreed that the following matter only from the Private Agenda be considered the detail of which, having regard to data protection, matters affecting persons who cannot be named, et c., is not as extensive as that contained in minutes of matters discussed in public.

(2024/25:120) Technical Services Manager's Report - ... Summons:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 13th August, 2024, seeking a Board decision on what further action to take, if any, concerning a property owner against whom action is being taken, because some works have been commenced. The matter had been scheduled to be heard at Court on 22nd August, 2024, but a deferral had been granted.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, that the Commission persevere in this matter and action in terms of the given Notice be continued.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m. 1 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, 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. SB has emailed the developer on 10 July 2024 for an update.	FGP	Jul-24	TRKC	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! School contacted for update.	PL	Sep-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. Awaitng conclusion of the planning process.	WD	Jun-24	TRKC	Jun-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	Report on roll out March 2024- The final phases are dependant on poles receiving planning approval.	MT have been asked to facilitate an open meeting for residents of Ramsey impacted by the pole planning applications. Appeals lodged in resepet of refused applications - RTC submitted response.	FGP	Sep-24	TC	Jul-24	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
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.	All snagging works are not complete. RTC will the land when complete.	FGP	Aug-24	TC	Jul-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	
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 advice that the TT service is likely to be same as TT 2023 with services at 22.01, 22.35 and 23.10. They are looking at operating an N6 but this has not been confirmed. Keep on tracker to follow up with DOI in future	FGP	Mar-24	SB	Apr-25	
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags. 113 out of 200 have been sold of the original design and 97 out of 100 have been sold of the new design		Sep-24	SB	Jul-23	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Mooragh Park shelters.	One shelter completed. Work has commenced on two additional shelters.	PL	Sep-24	SB	Jun-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. Revised offer as Feb 2024 has been communicated to staff and unions.		Jun-24	TRKC/ NC	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. Planning application approved.	ATC spoke with Developer, work being undertaken and documents to be drawn up.		Jul-24	TC	Dec-24	
Nov-23	Social Media Campaign showing the work of the commission.	Prepare content		FGP	Jun-24	SB	Mar-24	
Jan-24	BMX track	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course	Meeting took place on 20th August.	PL	Sep-24	SB	Sep-24	
Jan-24	Cronk Elfin circle	Proposals developed for the circle, which have not been sent to residents as yet.	Drawings received and discussed at Housing Meeting.	HP	Aug-24	AF	Feb-24	
Feb-24	Advertise Town Hall rooms	Ongoing	Ongoing	FGP	Jun-24	SB	Jun-24	

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RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Jul-24	Merger of Town Wards.	Request DOI to put forward a scheme under Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1982 to make a scheme to merge the current North and South Wards into one electoral district.	Scheme Made - now with DOI.	FGP	Sep-24	SB	May-25	
Jul-24	"Great Wave" Street Art - Old Swimming Pool	Seek Expressions of Interest for Great Wave inspired art on west facing gable of Old Swimming Pool	Expressions of Interest Exercise process closed. Awaiting full details from applicants	PL	Aug-24	SB	Jul-25	
Jul-24	Hearing Loop for Board Room	Look at options for provision of hearing loop within Board Room	Portable unit declined by member. Looking at substantive provision.	HP	Aug-24	AF	Dec-24	
Jul-24	Alternate Hard Standing Locations	Identify alternate hard standing location options within Mooragh Estate.	.	WD	Jul-24	BW		

Projects 2022-23

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
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 (June 2024) <i>Work scheule agreed with Tesco and contractor</i>	WD	BW	Apr-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to <i>proposed changes to the roof.</i>	<i>Nearing Completion</i>	HP	RK	Mar-23	

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

Projects 2023-24

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed, swimming group raising the required additional funds.	<i>Steel frame being constructed.</i>	HP	SB/AF	Sep-23	

There were originally 13 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed.

Projects 2024-25

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
2	Apr-24	Street lighting	Non Destructive Testing of - 228 columns	Order placed	Complete	WD	BW	Oct-24
	Apr-24		Street Lighting Provision for column replacement after NDT tests	NDT test results required prior to starting column replacement	3 columns have been removed and a further 3 are to be removed a programme of work is being developed.	WD	BW	Apr-25
3	Apr-24		Street Lighting Replace existing light heads with LEDs - 549 total (via 10-yr. loan)	Petition to be submitted.	Petition being developed TSM and FO.	WD	BW	Apr-25
4	Apr-24		Street Lighting Replacement of high risk Columns - utilising UCR funds	NDT test results required prior to starting column replacement	Underway.	WD	BW	Apr-25
5	Apr-24		Christmas decorative lighting	Collate information for review.	Review with Lead Member.	WD	BW	Sep-24
6	Apr-24				Installed	FGP	SB	May-24
8	Apr-24	IT & communications	Wi-Fi	Update WIFI		FGP	SB	Jun-24
10	Apr-24		Streaming laptop	Define spec	Purchase lap top	FGP	SB	Sep-24
11	Apr-24		Server room	In progress	Specify cage and cooling	FGP	SB	Apr-25
12	Apr-24	Vollan Campervan site	Site discharge drain	Confirm design	Planning approval required and being prepared	WD	BW	Apr-25
13	Apr-24	Trees	Surveys & necessary work	Order placed	Works being undertaken	WD	BW	Apr-25
15	Apr-24	Signs	Street nameplates	Ongoing		WD	BW	Apr-25
16	Apr-24		Byelaw & Parking	Ongoing	Signs installed	WD	BW	Sep-24
17	Apr-24		Directional signs x 2	Collate information for review.	Quotes being obtained.	WD	BW	Apr-25
18	Apr-24	Office furniture	Provision for new office furniture after Occupational Health staff reviews	Undertake staff reviews		WD	BW	Apr-25
19	Apr-24	Courthouse windows	Provision subject to challenge to Registered Buildings Officer; Grants	Identify funding source, and prepare grant application.	Planning Application to be completed and submitted.	H&P	AF	Apr-25
21	Apr-24	Ruinous buildings	Development of procedure to tackle problem	Develop procedure with support.	Engaging third party to assist with development of policy.	WD	BW	Sep-24
22	Apr-24	Riverside Workshop CCTV	3 new cameras & upgrade viewing monitor	Confirm specification.	Awaiting installation.	H&P	AF	Sep-24
23	Apr-24	Coronation Park play surfaces	Replace safety surfaces around play equipment	Order materials	Not progressed during summer due to poor weather. Will look to be done in autumn.	H&P	AF	Oct-24
24	Apr-24	Staffing	1 full-time staff, Works & Development	Commence recruitment process	Undeaway	WD	BW	May-24
25	Apr-24	South Beach	Engage volunteers to 'reprofile' & 'clean' the beach	Awaiting approvals for reprofiling	Volunteers have cleaned the beach, Works supporting by removing waste material.	WD	BW	May-24
26	Apr-24	BMX Track maintenance	Provision for track & surrounding area maintenance	Initial works to the area have been completed.	See main action tracker.	WD	BW	Sep-24
27	Apr-24	GDPR / FOI support	Engage professional for support	Review being progressed.		FGP	SB	Jun-24

There were originally 27 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed.

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

Accounts

Accounts of £309,679.66 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £28,320.01 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in August 2024. 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 2024-25 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 31st August 2024 is attached at Appendix 2.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account with some being financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees & works	£124,061
Replacement street lighting columns	£55,945
Solar panels – Town Hall	£29,982
New telephones & communications system	£19,684
Upper Queen's Pier Road refurbishment – initial prof. fees	£13,800
New rear door access – Town Hall	£6,276
Recycling collection housing	£3,943
Beach raft	£3,520
Jet washer – for general purposes	£2,639
Printer for Library	£2,470

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During August 2024 £2,155,105 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2024-25 financial year (for comparison £2,028,789 was received in July 2023 re the 2023-24 financial year).

This is the third instalment for the 2024-25 financial year with further instalments due later in the financial year.

The total 2024-25 rate income received to date is £2,873,473 (compared to £2,705,051 for 2023-24).

Recommendation: To be noted.

11th September 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during August 2024

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	192,804.45
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	49,769.43
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	20,274.61
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	13,768.27
Various	Fuel & heating oil	7,203.39
Various	Town events	5,286.50
Various	IT costs	2,924.94
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	Street lighting maintenance	2,701.36
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	2,555.70
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,251.82
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,526.96
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	1,520.78
Various	Machinery servicing & repair	1,496.70
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,251.62
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	1,146.69
Various	Staff training	890.00
Swept Clean Road Sweeping Serv. Ltd.	Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire	816.00
Various	Media expenses	661.20
RTC	Petty cash	307.85
Various	Telephones	244.61
Various	Security & safety	225.43
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply - void properties	36.35
Various	Gift vouchers	15.00
		<u>309,679.66</u>
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
Various	Waste disposal costs	16,561.32
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	4,781.16
Various	Recycling charges	4,263.05
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel	1,344.14
Recruitment Works Ltd.	Contract labour	804.46
Various	Plant & machinery service & repair	402.00
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	76.15
Various	Site maintenance	66.00
Bank	Charges	21.73
		<u>28,320.01</u>

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during August 2024

Appendix 1

AB Photography Ltd.	IOM	Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM
Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Alison Hall	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
AM Robotic Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Fork Trucks Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Northern Men in Sheds	IOM
Baumit Training Academy	IOM	Office Equipment Centre 1978 Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	Promenade Shirts & Embroidery Ltd.	IOM
Cu-Plas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Radio Caroline performers & media	IOM
Curtins Consulting Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Art Gallery	IOM
DAM Plant Hire Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Diverse Signs Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Exceed Business Services Ltd.	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Smith of Derby Ltd.	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental IOM Ltd.	IOM	Sure IOM Ltd.	IOM
Garage Gate & Door Automation Co. Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Greens Garage	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	The Garage Door & Gate Automation Co.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
IOM Post Office	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
JDW Engineering Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
L C Consultancy Ltd.	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st AUGUST 2024 - Appendix 2

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	1,781,254	2,663,937	(882,683)	5,039,706	5,012,829	26,877
Cl. Wolrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	94	0	94	448	0	448
Brookfield Court	6,208	5,102	1,106	25,687	20,800	4,887
Close ny Mooragh	16,129	13,006	3,123	50,934	53,586	(2,652)
Sub Total	£1,803,685	£2,682,045	(£878,360)	£ 5,116,775	£ 5,087,215	£ 29,560

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	68,749	19,396	49,353	230,449	25,293	205,156
Workshops	30,305	0	30,305	75,990	0	75,990
Public Conveniences	27,838	0	27,838	76,746	0	76,746
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	1,628	0	1,628	34,157	0	34,157
Mansail Lease	2,396	5,177	(2,781)	5,700	11,680	(5,980)
Lakeside Centre	2,172	4,556	(2,384)	4,778	12,546	(7,768)
Parklands Day Nursery	893	10,231	(9,338)	3,539	20,965	(17,426)
Bowling Alley	6,226	3,750	2,476	2,780	15,000	(12,220)
Non-Lease Properties	7,089	0	7,089	5,294	0	5,294
Prom shelters, benches, signs	12,496	0	12,496	30,625	0	30,625
Private Property Repairs	843	0	843	40,500	0	40,500
CCTV town centre	174	0	174	6,135	0	6,135
Apprentices	0	0	0	21,467	1,628	19,839
R.N.D.H.C.	4,382	4,001	381	15,955	17,551	(1,596)
Park assets	23,271	0	23,271	111,302	0	111,302
Sub Total	£203,262	£47,111	£156,151	£680,217	£104,663	£575,554

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	1,984	0	1,984	4,463	0	4,463
Car Parks	8,210	15,712	(7,502)	31,112	28,903	2,209
Refuse Removal	302,407	62,667	239,740	872,357	173,334	699,023
Civic Amenity contribution	130,682	0	130,682	302,325	0	302,325
Sewers & Pumps	26,048	26,048	0	104,141	104,141	0
Street lighting & maint.	57,133	0	57,133	151,163	0	151,163
Decorative maint.	500	0	500	35,343	0	35,343
Decorative lighting new items	6,550	0	6,550	31,047	0	31,047
Local Services	103,569	0	103,569	327,391	0	327,391
Sub Total	£637,083	£104,427	£532,656	£1,859,342	£306,378	£1,552,964

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	36,388	4,255	32,133	78,068	16,000	62,068
Parks & Gardens	134,189	0	134,189	297,067	710	296,357
Games Concessions	78	0	78	1,280	0	1,280
Public Library	65,532	3,591	61,941	180,595	9,165	171,430
Sub Total	£236,187	£7,846	£228,341	£557,010	£25,875	£531,135

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	17,130	0	17,130	139,679	0	139,679
Office Expenses	302,446	37,422	265,024	853,909	134,135	719,774
Sundry Expenses	3,950	0	3,950	9,582	0	9,582
Miscellaneous	14,405	13,790	615	62,148	34,419	27,729
Swimming Pool	9,060	0	9,060	45,111	0	45,111
Town Band	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	64	50	14	1,368	506	862
Sub Total	£347,055	£51,262	£295,793	£1,113,797	£169,060	£944,737

TOTAL	£3,227,272	£2,892,691	£381,692	£ 9,327,141	£ 5,693,191	£ 3,633,950
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Town rates	£ -	£3,078,398	(£3,078,398)	£ -	£ 3,513,954	(£3,513,954)
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER, 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: 4170
P.A. NO.: [24/90901/B](#)
PROPOSED: Demolition of building (retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **11 - 12, West Quay, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4171
P.A. NO.: [24/909820/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of a downstairs en-suite bedroom as an osteopathic treatment room
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **2, The Brambles, Claghbane Walk, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4172
P.A. NO.: [24/91007/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of refrigeration and gas coolers with an acoustic close boarded fence erected around
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Supermarket, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4173
P.A. NO.: [24/91028/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of residential apartment for tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **111, St Paul's Apartments, , St Paul's Square, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

11th September, 2024

R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT
APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER, 2024

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
24/00199/B R.T.C. 4132	Conversion of former ground floor restaurant and first floor function room into four apartments, roof alterations for the creation of a second-floor terrace for existing apartment.	Shipdesine House, East Quay	Meeting held: 20/03/2024 No Objection	06/08/24 Application REFUSED 19/08/24 Appeal requested

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
DOI WASTE STRATEGY PRINCIPLES
SEPTEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The DOI have issued a public consultation on Waste Strategy Principles. The closing date has been extended to the 21st October 2024.

This document is to set the principles of the waste strategy which will go on to form the basis of the waste strategy. No dates have been set by the DOI for the publication of the strategy however in the Island Plan it stipulates 2025.

Introduction

Current Situation

The current management of household waste and services provided by Local Authorities vary as to whether collections are every 1 or 2 weeks, kerbside collection of recyclables and more recently whether, a Civic Amenity Site service is provided.

Which types of wastes are recycled on the Island is largely dependent on whether it is more economical for the Local Authority, waste management company or waste producer to send these materials to the UK for recycling or pay the gate fee at the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility or landfill for disposal. This does not take into account the economics of operating the Island's national waste infrastructures or meeting the objectives of the Island's Waste Strategy.

Central Government waste facilities generate income from gate fees while Local Authorities generate income for household waste facilities through rates and any commercial waste facilities through charges. Currently Government subsidises the Energy from Waste facility by approximately £2.5m per annum and the Animal Waste Processing Plant (AWPP) by £500k per annum.

Proposed Strategy

The Isle of Man's Waste Strategy will consider all waste streams including households, business, agriculture and industry. This is a significant opportunity to maximise the use of the existing waste infrastructure, review options to obtain the best value from recyclables, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage new business to grow our green economy.

Consideration of a centralised hub for waste recycling and potentially centralisation of household waste collections is proposed to reduce costs, standardise household waste services and increase recycling through economies of scale. Utilisation of waste facilities such as the Energy from Waste facility should be reviewed to ensure they continue to provide public value.

Policy Proposals and consultation questions

The EU Waste Framework Directive (Directive 2008/98/EC) established the waste hierarchy as the guiding framework for managing waste. The focus was to be on waste reduction, with reuse, recycling, and recovery of energy all of greater priority than final disposal. The waste hierarchy usage in the Waste Strategy should be designed to fit the Island's waste policies while encouraging prevention, reuse, recycling, and recovery of waste taking into account the Island's distinguishing characteristics, and physical location, which impact on how wastes can be managed.

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Island Plan Objectives

Our Island Plan can be found at <https://islandplan.im/> .

Waste is part of the economy and its management has economic implications for businesses, government expenditure and impacts the environment. A Waste Strategy is required to align with the objectives of the Island Plan.

Do you agree that a Waste Strategy should be determined to move towards a strong and diverse economy and an environment we can be proud of in accordance with Our Island Plan?

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
X	Agree
	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say
Do you have any other comments?	
Who would say no to this question? Isn't it the responsible thing to do? Hasn't it already been determined by Tynwald to have the strategy anyway.	

Collection of household waste

Currently household waste collection and any kerbside collection of recyclables is controlled by and the responsibility of the Locals Authorities. As each Local Authority is responsible for their own area the service provided differs depending on where you live e.g. inclusion of kerbside recycling collection and collection of general household waste every 1 or 2 weeks. There are numerous contracts in place with differing costs and associated differing rate costs for the management of household waste. Optimising collection routes and standardising refuse collection vehicles through a centralised service will also assist in reducing emissions to achieve the Isle of Man Climate Change Plan 2022-2027 objective. Potential cost savings and emissions reductions could be realised by:

- Centralising the collection and management of household waste
- Optimising collection routes and vehicles
- Powering bin lorries with zero or low emission fuel sources.
- Bulking up recyclables to obtain best market values and economise export costs.
- Optimising energy recovery by disposal of incinerable wastes to the EfW facility.

Do you agree that the Waste Strategy should determine how centralising household waste collection services could reduce costs, reduce environmental impact including greenhouse gas emissions and determine appropriate household waste provisions for the Island?

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September, 2024, Public Continued:**

	Strongly disagree
X	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
	Agree
	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say
Do you have any other comments?	
<p>The Waste Strategy should determine appropriate household waste provisions and disposal routes.</p> <p>Everyone is aware of the benefits of centralising household collections; the question is if there is a will or a desire to do this?</p> <p>The cost of zero emission refuse vehicles makes them an unviable option at this point for most of the local authorities due to the cost of them and restrictions in range.</p> <p>Most Local Authorities have to carry additional vehicles in case of breakdown and servicing requirements which has additional cost implications.</p>	

Prevention & Minimisation

By reducing or eliminating waste generation, this supports efforts to promote a more sustainable society. Waste minimisation involves redesigning waste processes and/or changing societal patterns of consumption and waste production.

In the UK waste reduction is encouraged through legislation requirements which include waste minimisation plans at Local Authority level and waste management plans at Central Government level, identifying key sectors for action e.g. construction, electronics, plastics, packaging, food.

The Waste Strategy should assess the key sectors and the legislation changes required to assist with encouraging waste reduction for the Island.

Do you agree the Waste Strategy should determine a Waste Reduction Programme to divert products and materials from residual waste and stimulate recycling opportunities for the Island?

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
X	Agree
	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say
Do you have any other comments?	
<p>I wonder what impact this will have. Being a small island we have to ship in most items. If the UK has already introduced a lot of these legislation requirements, then we will already be benefiting from them as much as possible apart from transport packaging.</p> <p>Could we potential be putting additional costs on to local suppliers that we don't need.</p>	

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Reuse & Recycling

Creating less waste by increasing awareness of the need to reuse and recycle more types of materials that have value, while making it easier for the public and industry to do so, is recommended.

The current recycling facilities on the island include kerbside collections in Douglas and Braddan, Civic Amenity Sites and 'bring bank' bins located around the Island, as well as other private enterprises. The cost to operate Civic Amenity Sites varies from £120 - £186/tonne of waste depending on the site. The revenue generated from the recyclable material collected varies between the sites as each have different contracts.

Centralised management of recyclable material targeting the most valuable recyclables and the recycling of waste streams that have a negative impact on operations of the current waste infrastructure is recommended. This includes waste electrical and electronic equipment, batteries, glass, and metal being sent to the Energy from Waste facility.

The centralised management of recyclable material would assist with gaining more revenue as better prices potentially could be achieved for larger volumes, alongside reduced costs from optimising transport. Any contamination could be removed from the waste to improve the value of the recyclable material. Targeting high-value recyclables should result in recycling schemes paying for themselves.

The Waste Strategy should:

- Aim to increase re-use and recycling by including requirements for this in waste management legislation.
- Assess which recyclables have value, including optimising current waste facilities for disposal of waste streams that have low recycling value.
- Develop an Island wide collection and central recycling facility for target recyclables.

Do you agree that the Waste Strategy should determine ways to increase reuse and recycling of the Island's wastes?

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
X	Agree
	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say

Do you have any other comments?

There are benefits to setting the legislation for collection and distribution of re-use and recycling. Where it is left to others to decide, cost and other implications creep in reducing the effectiveness of optimising waste streams.

Over time the value of items is going to fluctuate so flexibility needs to be built into the process. Different commodities could require different processes for collection and processing. It takes time and money to change processes.

Also, the collection points such as the Civic Amenity sites have limited space to be able to collect infinite waste streams, but the sites already assist with island wide collections and a central recycling facility for targeted recyclables.

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Energy Recovery

The current Energy from Waste facility can reasonably continue to operate until at least 2035 without the major capital expenditure of building a new facility. The tonnage incinerated at the Energy from Waste facility has significantly reduced over the years to just under 50,000 tonnes in 2023. This has had an impact on the operations of the facility requiring it to shut down 4 to 5 times a year, which is more than the projected maintenance shutdown of twice a year. Each shutdown requires 30,000 litres of oil for the subsequent restarting of the facility, with associated costs, emissions and environmental impact. The benefits of maximising electricity generation through the Energy from Waste facility, potentially up to 10% of the Island's needs, by diverting low value recyclable wastes with high calorific value to the facility should be determined. This would also reduce the need to generate electricity from fossil fuels.

The Waste Strategy should:

- Assess prolonging the lifespan of the current Energy from Waste facility.
- Optimise the operation of the Energy from Waste facility by energy recovery from burnable waste streams of low recyclable value.
- Assess the recovery heat from the Energy from Waste facility.

Do you agree that the Waste Strategy should maximise energy recovery by diverting incinerable wastes to the Energy from Waste facility?

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
	Agree
	Strongly agree
X	I don't know
	Prefer not to say

Do you have any other comments?

Are there other options available than the EFW? People struggle to understand the concept that we are recycling by burning items.

What tonnages does the EFW require? What impact would it have by diverting incinerable waste?

In the next question you reference the need for the island to deal with its own waste? What incentives are we giving to businesses to do this i.e. Tesco's?

There has always been a balance between doing what's right and keeping the incinerator going.

Incineration of Hazardous Wastes

Under current legislation the secondary waste incinerator can only dispose of clinical waste and waste oil. The replacement secondary waste incinerator for 2025 has the design capability to incinerate additional hazardous waste streams such as flammable waste,

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pesticides and some small laboratory waste. The current cost to industry for shipment and disposal in the UK for flammable waste is £3,000-£4,000/tonne, and for pesticides £15,000/tonne. A change in legislation is required to allow additional hazardous waste streams to be incinerated in the secondary waste incinerator. This would assist with the Island's international responsibility to dispose of its own wastes and provide a more economic disposal route for some of industry's hazardous wastes which are currently exported off Island at great cost.

The Waste Strategy should:

- Aim to change legislation to allow the disposal of additional hazardous waste
- Optimise the operation of the secondary incinerator by burning additional hazardous waste to reduce disposal costs to industry.

Do you agree that the Waste Strategy should explore maximising the utilisation of the secondary waste incinerator for self-sufficiency and economic benefit of disposal of the Island's suitable hazardous wastes?

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
X	Agree
	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say
Do you have any other comments?	
Should we not be doing this anyway, as long as it is an agreed method of disposal.	

Landfill

Landfill is the least desirable method of waste management; however it is acknowledged that the Island must have a secure landfill disposal site for some waste streams that takes full account of environmental and health impacts.

There are problematic waste streams on the Island that are too expensive to send to the UK for disposal. This is sometimes due to the large quantity of material such as marina dredging spoil or because a disposal route cannot be found in the UK for such small volumes, such as radioactive waste sources in schools and the hospital. The Island's current landfills are classified as 'dilute and disperse' landfill, with leachate from the landfill sites going out to sea. To continue with the 'dilute and disperse' approach will leave the Island with a potential legacy of pollution of ground water, rivers and coastal waters for future generations. Any new landfill should be developed to standards implemented in the UK as best practice with improved environmental protection.

To discourage unnecessary use of landfill sites the cost of disposing of waste streams to landfill should be more expensive than sending waste to the Energy from Waste facility or any recycling options.

The Waste Strategy should:

- Include a strategic needs assessment for new landfills for inert, non-hazardous, stable non-reactive hazardous waste, and hazardous waste
- Review the current lifespan of existing landfills and the environmental impact

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- Assess legislation changes for environmental protection requirements for landfill operations
- Assess the introduction of financial disincentives to encourage recycling/recovery

Do you agree that the Waste Strategy should determine the strategic need to develop new landfill(s), suitably engineered to provide appropriate environmental protection, for waste disposal where recovery (including re-use, recycling and energy recovery) is not reasonably practicable or economically viable?

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
	Agree
X	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say

Do you have any other comments?

There is always going to be a need to have landfill sites. Not everything can be re-used, recycled or sent to the EFW so they are required, and they do need to be suitably designed.

We should be doing it anyway it is not a new concept. The items able to go to landfill are already limited/ restricted.

With coastal erosion happening we should be looking at how we protect the existing landfills as well.

Legislative requirements

Whilst economic intervention such as the Energy from Waste facility gate fee or a landfill tax can influence waste recovery and/or disposal routes, to a certain extent, to achieve sustainability, protection of human health and the environment, and GHG emission reduction legislative changes are likely to be required to assist with implementing the Waste Strategy.

Do you agree that the Waste Strategy should determine the legislative interventions likely to be required by the Government to assist implementation of the Waste Strategy.

	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither agree or disagree
X	Agree
	Strongly agree
	I don't know
	Prefer not to say

Do you have any other comments?

What's the point of having legislation that says 'MAY' or 'SHOULD' instead of 'MUST' and 'SHALL' it gives people the choice to pick if they want to do it or not, and 9 times out of 10 for the smaller local authorities they are going to say they aren't doing it because of the cost implications on rate payers.

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Additional comments

Additional comment:

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Recommendation: For Discussion

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

10th September, 2024.

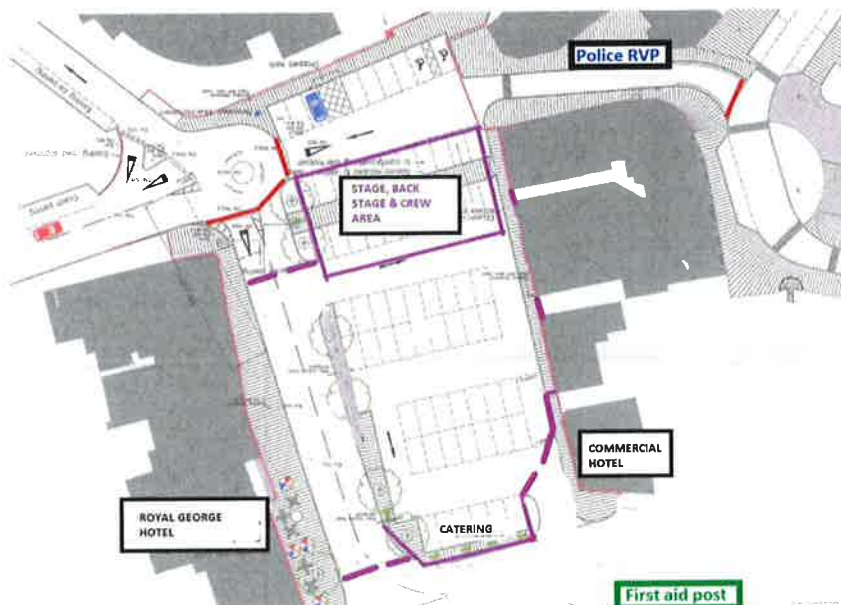
**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SPRINTFEST 2024 / 2025
SEPTEMBER 2024 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

This report is to provide an update of Sprintfest 2024 and to consider the options for Sprintfest 2025. Consideration of the report was deferred at the previous Board Meeting.

Sprintfest 2024

The event was staged in Market Place car park on the evenings of 31ST May, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd June 2024.



To facilitate the safer running of the event Market Place Car Park and the roads around the event were closed.

In order to mitigate against the impact of the event and taking into account feedback received from public consultation the following aspects were incorporated :

- Event ran on evenings only with two acts each night
- Market Hill remained open during the event
- Increased signage was deployed advising of the event
- Market Place Car Park was opened during the days for parking

The above measures were generally well received by businesses in the area the traffic flow around town was smoother.

The event was serviced by the licensed premises in the event area and along West Quay with visitors bringing their own refreshments.

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August 2024, Public Continued:

The event was also serviced by the food take away businesses in the area.

One catering concession attended the event – this was from a northern based operator and complemented the offering from the established businesses in the area.

The event was stewarded by RTC staff and registered door staff. Officers from Isle of Man Constabulary were very supportive and reported no issues with the event.

The new TT schedule first introduced in 2023 remained in place for 2024. This did not cause any major issues for Sprintfest as delays to racing did not drastically clash with the event. This may not have been the case in the event of their being extended closure of the TT course while Sprintfest was “live”.

2024 – Event Format

Building on the success of three previous iterations since 2019, this year's Sprintfest demonstrated growing cultural awareness within the local and visitor community, evidenced by repeat attendees and online and in-person comments anticipating the schedule announcement.

Operational Challenges

The importance of the Thursday evening load-in was highlighted by issues caused by vehicles left in the car park past the closure time, hindering stage installation. If this had occurred on Friday morning, it could have impacted on the event's start time.

Entertainment

Fees for musical entertainers remained relatively stable compared to the previous year. The lineup featured a healthy mix of established and new Manx-based bands. An investment in an international street performer, who entertained the crowds between band changes, was well received. The performers' costs were minimized through free accommodation provided by an event volunteer.

Attendance

Conservative estimates suggest nearly 1,000 people attended at the peak of the Saturday and Sunday nights, with between 300 and 700 people on the other two nights. This consistent and growing attendance highlights the event's popularity and success.

Additional Costs and Staffing

Additional costs were incurred due to the increased use of Ramsey Town Commissioner's staff to manage road closures and maintain safety and cleanliness. In previous years, assistance from community groups, which is more cost-effective than Commissioner's staff, was unavailable. The temporary closure of a nearby licensed facility also resulted in fewer independently provided security staff.

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The event had a budgetary amount of £20,000. Current expenditure is £21,021. A grant of £6,000 is due from the Department for Enterprise. A fee is due from the food concession. The net cost of the event this year being £15,021. Despite additional provisions and rising inflationary costs, the event remained well within the budget.

2024 Feedback

Two surveys were undertaken to gain the views of those who attended the event and those who operate businesses in the town. Despite being advertised on multiple occasions on social media, there were only 25 responses from attendees and 4 from businesses.

However, the general response was very positive and that the format of the event was right, with particular reference that the breadth of acts – including the addition of the street entertainer – worked well.

Helpful feedback was received as to logistical aspects of the event that will be taken into account when planning future events.

Those who commented on the opening of the car park during the event daytime – via the survey or direct to officers – felt that this was a helpful addition which would work better with a better flow of traffic in future years.

Sprintfest 2025

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to agree now to staging the event in 2025.

An early decision would allow officers to discuss the event format of Sprintfest – and other events in Ramsey and around the island – with other parties such as the Department for Enterprise. This is particularly important as the overall TT Event Format continues to evolve.

Sprintfest 2024 has continued to grow and improve the event brand, drawing significant crowds and contributing to Ramsey's cultural and economic vibrancy. The event's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the organizers, volunteers, and performers. Moving forward, efforts should focus on maintaining this momentum and addressing logistical challenges to ensure the event's continued success.

The location of Market Square has proven to be successful and offers the maximum benefit to wider range of businesses due to its central, town centre location.

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Recommendation:

To make an early decision that Sprintfest should be run in 2025, and maintain the same location, format and budget.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk.

7th August 2024

Re-presented 12th September, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION – AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS -
ACTION TRACKER
SEPTEMBER, 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion, dated 30th July, 2024, is submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness, was presented to the previous meeting of the Board and, in terms of Standing Orders is now presented for consideration.

“Proposal for Amendment of Standing Orders to include the Action Tracker

Motion Part A:

In accordance with standing orders I bring this notice of motion for consideration at the upcoming meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners. In consideration of Standing Order 37 I am cognisant that any motion to vary the standing orders must stand adjourned for one month following the proposal.

Background:

The Action Tracker has been in place for a number of years now, having been introduced during the previous board. The reason behind its introduction, and still the purpose today, is to keep track of board resolutions that require action and are unable to be completed before the following board meeting.

Before the Action Tracker was introduced, members and staff had to individually keep notes of resolutions and query updates in the absence of board reports from officers. This resulted in matters being forgotten about or confusion as to what had occurred as well as difficulty for new board members in gaining an understanding of ongoing matters.

Despite being in operation for a number of years, the Action Tracker has not been formally adopted as part of the Standing Orders and the accepted process for adding items onto the tracker has evolved over time. This motion will formalise the tracker and provide clarity and consistency in its operation.

Proposal Part A:

To vary the Standing Orders by adding, into Section 13 “Order of Business”, the wording;

“e) the Commission’s Action Tracker, detailing ongoing matters and any action undertaken”

between;

“d) business arising out of such minutes if not referred to in the minutes of any Special Committee,”

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and

“e) business adjourned from a previous meeting,”

and alter the sequential letter ordering accordingly.

Proposal Part B:

On the basis of the approval of Part A, and the variation of the Standing Orders to add the Action Tracker in the Order of Business, the following motion is to formalise the format of the Action Tracker within the Standing Orders.

To add the following wording after section 22. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE;

“23. ACTION TRACKER

(1) The action tracker shall be presented as a record of resolutions of the Board from previous meetings, which have outstanding actions and/or awaiting responses. Upon agreeing a resolution it shall be taken that the resolution be added to the action tracker without need of further proposals to that effect. These items on the Action Tracker will be added in time for the subsequent meeting, following the resolution.

(2) The Action Tracker should reflect the following information;

- A) The date of the Board resolution
- B) A description of the item in question as a high level title
- C) Detail of the current position
- D) The last action taken and date
- E) The individual responsible for this matter
- F) Target Completion Date

(3) When the item is completed it will be removed from the action tracker in time for the subsequent meeting, following the notification of completion.”

and alter the sequential letter ordering accordingly.”

[Standing Order 37 -VARIATION AND REVOCATION OF STANDING ORDERS

Any motion to add to, vary or revoke these standing orders shall when proposed and seconded stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Board. No new or revised standing order or any revocation of a standing order shall be valid or binding until confirmed by the Board at the ordinary meeting held after the meeting at which it was approved.]

12th Septemebr, 2024.