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15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

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, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

**A vacancy exists in South Ward.**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

**2. Minutes for Adoption:**

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- Board Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.
- Annual Board Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025

**3. Matters arising not included within the Agenda.**

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- Action Tracker – May, 2025.
- Ruinous Register – May, 2025.

**5. Finance and General Purposes:**

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  - Public Consultation Jury Service
- Deputy Town Clerk's Reports:
  - South Ward By-Election
  - Street Trader's Licence OMA

- Finance Officer's General Report(s):
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  - Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure
  - Rates

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- Technical Services Manager's Report(s):
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  - Appendix
  - Car Parking Residents' Rates
  - Hedges
  - Updates
- Technical Assistant's Report(s) Services
  - Dog Fouling Campaign

**7. Notices of Motion:**

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The following notices of Motion have been submitted:

In the name of Mr. J. McGuinness:-

- "Public Accountability Meetings"
- "Establishment Committee"
- "Audit Existing Stock of Deckchairs"

**8., Any other Business:**

page(s):

(by permission of Chairman)

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



D. C. Flint  
Town Clerk and  
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, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, at 7.00p.m.

**Present:** Mr. R. D. Cowell, Ms's S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine remotely);  
Messrs. A. Beighton, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, F. B. R.  
Williams and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Messrs. G. S. Court and Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood,

A vacancy exists in North Ward.

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

**(2024/25:330) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**(2024/25:331) Matters Arising:**

No matters were raised.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2024/25:332) Action Tracker April 2025:**

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, subject to the following:-

***Ruinous Buildings Policy*** – Mr. McGuinness referred to the previous request that the formation of a Ruinous Buildings Policy be included within the Action Tracker and queried progress on this matter. The inclusion of the matter on the Action Tracker was pointed out to members.

***Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie*** – Mr. McGuinness asked that this matter be revisited. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he is liaising with developers and will attempt to get an update.

***Toilets Station Road Car Park*** – Mr. Beighton asked for progress on this matter – the Housing and Property Manager informed members that it is hoped that the public conveniences will be open this weekend.

**(2024/25:333) Ruinous Register:**

Resolved: To note the Ruinous Register at 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, detailing properties within the Town about which there are concerns, subject to the following:-

*Britannia* - Ms Craine sought an update on this property – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he would continue discussions with the owners.

*Cooil ny Marrey* – Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Health Minister be written to and be reminded of the involvement of the Ramsey Town Commissioners and Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee with regard to proposals for redevelopment of Cooil ny Marrey in conjunction with Cummal Mooar and provision of public section housing in Ramsey; and their wish to be included in communications exchanges.. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed without division.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2024/25:334) Town Clerk's Report – Local Government Act Amendments:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, to which was appended correspondence with regard to the above titled Act.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea that the response drafted be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure.

**(2024/25:335) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Annual General Meeting:**

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, advising that the Annual General Meeting of the Commission will take place at the Town Hall on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025.

**(2024/25:336) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Freedom of Information Act:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, to which was appended the Consultation on the Freedom of Information Act issued by the Council of Minister.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed without division that the Commission respond "no" to the questions included within the consultation as they believe no fees should be made for Freedom of Information requests.

**(2024/25:337) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority Election:**

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, advising of the situation at the close of the period for objections and withdrawals for the local authority general elections. 5 Members have been elected to South Ward unopposed and 8 candidates will face a ballot for 6 seats in North Ward on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

It was further noted that a public meeting to hear the views of the candidates for North Ward will be held at Ramsey Grammar School West Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00 p.m.

**(2024/25:338) Finance Officer's General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

A proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that the Finance Officer be thanked for all his work during the year was agreed without division.

**Works and Development:**

**(2024/25:339) Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

P.A. NO.:	<u>24/91268/B</u>	Amended Plans / Additional Information
PROPOSED:	New build 6 storey apartment block containing 12 apartments and associated parking	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>Land/Garden adjacent to Isle of Alanis, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey</b>	

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed without division, an observation be submitted with regard to the lack of parking provision.

**Notices of Motion:**

**(2024/25:340) Lamp Post Location Assessment and Redistribution:**

Ms Criane presented the Notice of Motion dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, standing in her name, concerning the location and redistribution of street lighting. The Notice was seconded by Mr. McGuinness but was defeated by 7 votes to 2, with only Ms Craine and Mr. McGuinness voting in support.

**(2024/25:341) New Commissioners “On-Boarding”:**


Ms Craine presented the Notice of Motion dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, standing in her name concerning New Commissioners “On-Boarding” and put in 3 proposals:

Proposal 1: Presentation and Workshop – seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed without division.

Proposal 2: Production of a Handbook – seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed without division.

Proposal 3: Web-Site “population” - seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed without division.

**(2024/25:342) New Landmark Sculpture:**

Ms Craine presented the Notice of Motion dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, standing in her name concerning the provision of a sculpted “I  Ramsey” at a suggested site in Dale Street.

An amended proposal was put by Mr. Parker that further investigation be made into the matter to ascertain if any funding can be forthcoming together with possible alternative locations.

Mr. McGuinness seconded Ms Craine’s original proposal and also Mr. Parker’s amendment subject to it being extended to include reference to public opinion being sought and ultimate decision being left to the “new board”. The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 2, Messrs. McGuinness and Williams voting against.

**(2024/25:343) Private Agenda Statement:**

Ms Craine presented the Notice of Motion dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, standing in her name concerning items included within the private agenda and seeking inclusion of qualification why this action has been taken.

Mr. McGuinness seconded the motion which was carried without division.

**(2024/25:344) Review of Recording Minutes:**

Mr. Williams presented the Notice of Motion dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, standing in his name concerning the introduction of a “Decision Table” to summarise the decisions taken by the Board for a trial period until October 2025. The proposal was seconded by Ms Craine who proposed an amendment in that in addition minutes be produced and presented to members within 7 days of a meeting. The amendment did not receive a seconder.

The proposal to produce a decision table was put to the vote and carried by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Parker voting against.

**(2024/25:345) Town Clerk's Report – "Studio Umami" Street Traders Licence:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's tabled report dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, concerning the request made by Studio Umami to trade outside their store on Parliament Street.

Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed without division that the request be approved.

**Any other Business:**

**(2024/25:346) Sundry Matters:**

The following sundry matters were raised –no formal resolutions were framed:-

***Removal of material from beach*** – Mr. Young asked who had removed material from the beach and at what cost. The Technical Services Manager provided the information.

***Road Marking vicinity of Yacht Club Launch Area*** – Mr. Young referred to road marking and queried who had permitted the "no parking" to be marked – the Town Clerk undertook to investigate the matter and advise members accordingly.

***Freedom of Information*** – Mr. McGuinness asked if the Commission's website was up to date in this regard. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that some work was required.

**(2024/25:347) Matter Brought into Public:**

It was proposed by Ms Craine that the following two items be brought into the public demesne:

- a) Technical Services Manager's Report– Community Gardens
- b) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – VMCC Club

The proposal to bring the Community Gardens report into public was seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed without division.

The proposal to bring the VMCC report into public did not receive a seconder.

Accordingly members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, in which various options that a community garden might be progressed were presented.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Ms Cottam-Shea seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed without division that investigation and further report be made into the principle of the provision of a Lease with a Community Group or individual as an initial preference.

**(2024/25:348) Provision of Free Wi-Fi:**

Resolved: That following a proposal by Ms Craine, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Oldham voting against, investigate be made into the costs and feasibility of installing Wi-Fi in the vicinities of Parliament Square, junction East Street with Parliament Street and the Courthouse which could be available for public use; and that a report be produced within 3 months.

Mr. Oldham indicated that Wi-Fi is soon to be installed at the Courthouse.

**(2024/25:349) Traffic Swing Bridge:**

Mr. Cowell sought an updated on the continued closure of the Swing Bridge to vehicular traffic. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that an update on progress is awaited.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 8.36 p.m. and in so doing took the opportunity to thank his fellow members and staff for their support during his terms of office as Chairman. Thanks were reciprocated to Mr. Cowell.

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.

**(2024/25:350) Minutes Recorded in Private:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, recorded in private, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2024/25:351) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

**(2024/25:352) On-Going Matters “Ruinous Register Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Ruinous Register” to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2024/25:353) Finance Office’s Report:**

Resolved; to note the Finance Officer’s private report dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.



**Parks and Development:**

**(2024/25:354) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – VMCC Event:**

Members noted the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, giving details of the withdrawal of the offer of the VMCC to stage an event during TT 2025.

A proposal put by Ms Craine with regard to going out to public tender for a Sprint Day event was seconded by Mr. Cowell but failed by 5 votes to 4; Messrs' Beighton, McGuinness, Oldham, Parker and Young voting against.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2024/25:355) Minutes Housing Committee:**

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed without division the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025, be ratified.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2024/25:356) Public Records Office:**

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed without division, permission be granted for information held by the Public Records Office dated 1911 be made available.

The Town Clerk queried if future requests of this nature could be determined at officer level. A further proposal was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that future requests be determined in liaison with the respective Lead Member. This was carried without division.

**(2024/25:357) Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign:**

Ms Craine queried progress on an anti-dog fouling campaign which she had promoted some time ago.

Members were informed that discussions are ongoing with other authorities and it is hoped to have a coordinated campaign in the near future.

**(2024/25:358) Parking Water Street Car Park:**

Ms Craine raised a query concerning fees for reserved parking on the Commission's Water Street Car Park particular for residents of the town.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed without division a report be submitted to the May 2025 Board Meeting.

**RTC Board Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, Continued:**

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m. giving a time of 2 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

## RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### [ PUBLIC ]

The Annual General Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025, at 7.00 p.m.

Present        Mesdames W. S. Bruchal, S. Cottam-Shea, E. L. Honey (remotely), P. Johns-Garrett, S. M. Moss, E. S. Shimmin (remotely), M. M. J. Webb, Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham and W. G. Young.

A vacancy exists in South Ward.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Mrs. M. P. Chrystal were in attendance.

#### **(2025/26:001) Returning Officer's Certificates:**

The Town Clerk read the Deputy Returning Officer's Certificates dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2025, of Members Elected at Uncontested Election for South Ward and Contested Election for North Ward, for the four years ending on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2029, namely:-

##### **South Ward - UnContested Election:**

Wendy Susan Bruchal of 11, Marine Gardens, Ramsey, IM8 1EN  
Sandra Cottam-Shea of 24, Waterloo Road, Ramsey, IM8 1DU  
Norman David Greenwood of 24, St. Paul's Mews, Ramsey, IM8 1EE  
Stella Margaret Moss of Thorncliffe, Ballure Road, Ramsey, IM8 1NE; and  
Albert James Oldham of 41, Cronk Elfin, Ramsey, IM8 2EZ

##### **North Ward - Contested Election:**

Emma Louise Honey of Berrig View, The Threshold, Jurby, IM7 3BG  
Pauline Johns-Garrett, of 27 Cooyrt Balleigh, Kings Reach, Ramsey, IM8 3NU  
Juan McGuinness of 47, Greenlands Avenue, Ramsey, IM8 2PL  
Elizabeth Sarah Shimmin of 2, Belmont Villas, Jurby Road, Ramsey, IM8 3PF  
Margaret Mary Jane Webb of 26, Waterloo Road, Ramsey, IM8 1Dul and  
Wilfred George Young of Flat above Young's Yard, Derby Road, Ramsey, IM8 1DA

#### **(2025/26:002) Election of Chairman**

The Town Clerk occupied the Chair and received three Nominations

Mr. Oldham	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Moss
Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Ms. Shimmin, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Mrs. Webb, seconded by Ms Bruchal

A ballot was taken which resulted in 5 votes being cast for Mr. Oldham; 3 votes being cast for Mr. McGuinness and 2 votes being cast for Ms. Cottam-Shea.

Mr. Oldham was declared elected having received the majority of votes of those members in the room.

Ms Honey attended the meeting, remotely at this stage.

**(2025/26:003) Election of Deputy Chairman**

Two nominations for Deputy Chairman were received-

Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Bruchal
Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mrs. Shimmin, seconded by Mrs. John-Garrett

A ballot was conducted which resulted in 8 votes being cast for Ms. Cottam-Shea and 3 for Mr. McGuinness.

Ms. Cottam-Shea was duly declared elected.

**(2025/26:004) Election of Lead Members**

***Finance, General Purposes and Establishment***

Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Webb
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Mr. McGuinness was duly declared elected.

***Works and Development***

Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Ms. Honey, seconded Mr. McGuinness
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Ms Cottam-Shea was duly declared elected.

***Housing and Property***

Mrs. Moss	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea
Ms Honey	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Bruchal

A ballot was conducted which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Mrs. Moss and 5 for Ms Honey. Mrs. Moss was duly declared elected.

***Parks and Leisure***

Ms. Honey	Proposed by Ms Cottam-Shea, seconded by Mrs. Webb
Mrs. Shimmin	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mrs. Johns-Garrett

A ballot was taken which result in more ballot papers being in the ballot box than members and accordingly a second ballot was taken which resulted in 1 vote being received for Ms Honey, and 10 votes being received for Mrs. Shimmin.

Mrs. Shimmin was duly declared elected.

**The Policy Committee**, comprising the 4 Lead Members is now constituted for the forthcoming municipal year.

**(2025/26:005) Election of Deputy Lead Members**

***Finance, General Purposes and Establishment***

Mrs. Johns-Garrett	Proposed by Mrs. Johns-Garrett, seconded by Mr. Young
Mrs. Webb	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea

A ballot was taken which resulted in 2 votes being cast for Mrs. Johns-Garrett and 9 for Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Webb was duly declared elected.

**The Establishment Committee**, comprising the Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes, the Chairman and the Deputy Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes is now constituted for the forthcoming municipal year.

***Works and Development***

Ms. Bruchal	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
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Ms Bruchal was duly declared

***Housing and Property***

Mrs. Shimmin	Proposed by Mrs. Shimmin, seconded by Mr. McGuinness
Mr. Young	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Moss

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Mrs. Shimmin, 5 votes for Mr. Young. Mrs. Shimmin was duly declared elected.

***Parks and Leisure***

Mrs. Webb	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea
Ms. Honey	Proposed by Ms. Honey, seconded by Mr. Oldham

A ballot was taken which resulted in 9 votes being cast for Mrs. Webb and 2 for Ms Honey. Mrs. Webb was duly declared elected.

**(2025/26:006) Housing Committee 2 appointments**

Ms Honey	Proposed by Ms Cottam Shea-seconded by Mrs. Webb
Mrs. Johns-Garrett.	Proposed by Mrs. Johns-Garrett seconded by Ms Bruchal
Mr. Young	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Moss

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Ms Honey; 5 for Mrs. Johns- and 8 for Mr. Young. As the total vote did not equate to the required 22 votes cast [members in terms of Standing Orders are not permitted to abstain from voting – and each member should have voted for 2 out of the three nominees] a fresh vote ballot was called for. At this point Ms Honey withdrew her nomination.

Mrs. Johns-Garrett and Mr. Young were therefore duly elected.

**The Housing Committee**, comprising the Lead Member and Deputy Lead Member for Housing and Property and the above two elected members is now constituted for the forthcoming municipal year.

**(2025/26:007) Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee:**

**Three-year term – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2028**

Mrs. Moss	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Johns-Garrett
Mrs. Shimmin	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
Ms Honey	Proposed by Ms Honey, seconded by Mrs. Webb

A ballot was taken which resulted in 5 votes being cast for Ms Honey, 4 votes for Mrs. Moss and 2 votes for Mrs. Shimmin. As a majority vote had not been received, a further ballot was called for. At this point Mrs. Shimmin withdrew.

The further ballot resulted in 5 votes being cast for Ms Honey and 6 votes for Mrs. Moss who was declared duly elected.

**(2025/26:008) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board:**

**Three-year term – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2028**

Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
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No further nominations were received and Mr. McGuinness was declared duly elected.

**(2025/26:009) Northern Civic Amenity Site:**

**Two-year term – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

Ms Bruchal	Proposed by Ms. Cottam-Shea, seconded by Mrs. Webb
Mr. Young	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Moss

A ballot was taken which was declared void as a member had voted for someone who had not been nominated for this position. The fresh ballot resulted in 5 votes being cast for Ms Bruchal and 6 for Mr. Young. Mr. Young was duly declared elected.

**(2025/26:010) Other Appointments**

***Representative to serve on the Manx Wildlife Trust***

Ms Bruchal	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mrs. Webb
Mrs. Shimmin	Proposed by Mrs. Shimmin, seconded by Mr. Young

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Ms Bruchal and 5 for Mrs. Shimmin. Ms Bruchal was duly declared elected.

***Representative to serve on the Northern Chamber of Commerce***

Mrs. Johns-Garrett	Proposed by Mrs. Johns-Garrett, seconded by Mrs. Moss
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No further nominations were received and Mrs. Johns-Garrett was duly declared elected.

***Representative to serve on the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Level One Group and the Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group.***

It was confirmed that these two groups had merged.

Mr. Young	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Moss
Mrs, Johns-Garrett	Proposed by Mrs. Johns-Garrett, seconded by Ms Bruchal

A ballot was taken which resulted in a vote being cast for a member who had not been nominated. A second ballot was taken which resulted in 7 votes being cast for Mr. Young and 4 votes for Mrs. Johns-Garrett. Mr. Young was duly declared elected.

**(2025/26:011) Election of Chairman – Majority**

Attention was drawn to the election of Chairman, in that Standing Orders had been misinterpreted, in that a majority of those in the room had been taken rather than a majority of members in attendance. Members consented to a re-ballot being taken:-

Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Miss Shimmin, seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea
Mr. Oldham	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms Honey.

No further nominations were received.

The ballot resulted in 7 votes being cast for Mr. Oldham and 4 being cast for Mr. McGuinness. Mr. Oldham's election as Chairman was confirmed.

Members were presented with their Certificates of Election.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m., giving a time for the computation of attendance allowance payments of 2 hours.

Chairman.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC**

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	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 met 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. ATC emailed developer again for update.	FGP	Dec-24	TRKC	Sep-23		
		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. The Stanley has been sold. Planning application for the Brit has been approved agreement for the commuted sum to be put in place. The Stanley site is now subject to a planning application	WD	Mar-25	SB	Apr-24		
		Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles).	Report on roll out March 2024 - The final phases are dependent on poles receiving planning approval.	MT have been asked to facilitate an open meeting for residents of Ramsey impacted by the pole planning applications. Application 24/00259/B which was subject to an appeal has now been refused as the appeal has been	FGP	Mar-25	TC	Jul-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.	All snagging works remain outstanding.. Work has commenced. Discussions with developer on going with regards to park standard etc.	FGP	Apr-25	TC	Mar-25		
Jun-18		War Memorial (repair and renovation).	Memorial added to 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 11/11/24. Names have been refreshed. Ongoing	WD	Nov-23	BW	Repairs 23/24		

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# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
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. No additional services during 2025.	FGP	Apr-25	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	PL	Sep-24	SB	Jul-25		
Jul-22		Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Mooragh Park shelters.	Three shelters underway or complete. <b>Two additional shelters done during April and May 2025.</b>	PL	May-25	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 complete. Letters need sending to other people who have occupied land not belonging to them.		Jan-24	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24		
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.	Developer has been asked for an update.		Mar-25	TC	Dec-24		
Jan-24		BMX track.	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course.	Parties contacted to arrange a further meeting. Parks team maintaining in the short term. <b>Officers met with interested parties who are considering forming a Club</b>	PL	May-25	SB	Sep-24		
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.	A public enquiry will be held in due course - after the local Authority General Election. <b>This will now be after the by election.</b>	FGP	May-25	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.	Artist chosen and met with RTC. Application to be submitted to new Local Economy Fund from DfE .	PL	Apr-25	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. AF to bring to March meeting - none compatible hearing aids. Alternative option to be looked into.	HP	Mar-24	AF	Dec-24		
Jul-24		Alternate Hard Standing Locations.	Identify alternate hard standing location options within Mooragh Estate.	<b>None available</b>	WD	May-25	BW			
Sep-24	24/25:128	Sprintfest 2025.	2024 completed. 2025 event to held using same format. Include in 2025-26 budget.	Event progressing.	PL	Mar-25	SB	Jun-25		

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC**

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
Sep-24	24/25:141	Refuse Vehicle Replacement.	Progress Petition for Borrowing Powers.	Petition Approval has been received and an updated price has been requested so order can be placed. Orders placed - lead in times 40- 44, 1st RCV due Aug - Sept 25, 2nd RCV weeks Dec 25 - Jan 26	FGP	Ap 25	BW/NC/SB	Oct-24		
Sep-24	24/25:143	Boathouse clock.	Clock faulty - authorise repairs.	Repairs instructed to be carried out. Due April 2025.	PL	Mar-25	AF	Apr-25		
Sep-24	24/25:146	NCAS Committee.	Identify how to progress/make public aware of actions. Write further letter to NCAS Committee.	Letter sent 24/10/2024.	WD	Oct-24	BW			
Sep-24	24/25:148	Station Road Car Park.	Installation of cooling units. Liaise with interested parties to resolve.	Ongoing dialogue with leaseholder	FGP/WD	Apr-25	SB	Mar-25		
Sep-24	24/25:149	FO Report Aged Debtors.	Doubtful commercial debt. Seek independent legal advice about recovery and report to the October Board Meeting.	Request for opinions sent to Advocates. Included in October Finance Report. All appropriate contribution invoices now raised, but remain outstanding. Report on outstanding debt treatment prepared.	FGP	May-25	NC	Oct-24		
Oct-24	24/25:167	Toilets at Station Road Car Park	Did RTC agree to enter into agreement regarding toilets at Station Road.	Resolved at 2023/24:369) for RTC to clean toilets if bought up to usable standard. Owner Offered RTC to view 11.04.2025. Now Open and being used.	HP	May-25	AF	Feb-25		
Oct-24	24/15:173	Audit Fraud Questionnaire	Consider by Establishment Committee	Reported at Establishment. Submitted to Auditors.	Estab	May-25	SB/NC	Dec-25		
Nov-24	24/25:190	Area Plan North and East	Provide further report once further Cabinet Office response received	Cabinet Office Response now received -- subject to Special Board.	WD	01/03/2025	DF	Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Dog Fouling	Raise awareness and report on fines	Enquiries ongoing about options. Fixed Penalty set by Dog (Amendment) Act 2006 so would require a new Act to increase. Courts have option to fine up to £1000 TA has prepared a report for the Board	FGP	May-25	TC	Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Cigarette Litter	Illustrations around drain covers - seek permission from Department for those on highways	Enquiries with DOI being undertaken by Member	WD	Apr-25	SB	Feb-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Town Warden Idling...Engines	Arrange training and investigate greater powers to enforce	Ms Craine has forwarded 24 visuals to TA to scheduled every two weeks. 1st one out 8th May 2025	FGP	May-25	SB	Feb-25		
Jan-25	24/25:256	Review of Re-Use	To ask NCAS to allow to year end	With new regulations around the disposal of electrical items the re-use is current being used as collection and storage points as they have to be stored in the dry.	WD	Feb-25	SB /BW	Feb-25		

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC**

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
Feb-25	24/25:276	Motorhome Parking	Provision of additional portable conveniences	2 no WCs ordered. Board agreed March meeting to not supply toilets and look at enforcement of bylaws	WD/HP	Mar-25	AF	May-25		
Feb-25	24/25:284	Sprintfest Fan Zone and Vintage Club event	Attempt to obtain additional funding and enter into discussions with VMCC	TT Fan Zone - this has not been possible for TT 2025, look at options for future TT MGP VMCC - VMCC did not wish to pursue	PL	Feb-25	SB	Aug-25		
Mar-25	24/25:302	Policy ruinous Buildings	Policy to be formatted	Draft Policy received reviewed, and amendments needed Clarification sought from EHI inspectorate on application of different parts of various legislation	Policy	May-25	BW	May-25		
Mar-25	24/25:302	Volunteer Policy	A volunteer Policy to be created		Policy	Mar-25	DF	Aug-25		
Mar-25	24/25:310	S13 Ballachrink	Seek meeting with Developer regarding proposals for the area		FGP	Mar-25	DF	May-25		
Mar-25	24/25:311	Loading Bay	Consult with business community regarding provision of loading bays	To undertake consultation	FGP	Mar-25	SB	May-25		
Mar-25	24/25:314	Dropped Kerbs	Write to DOI and undertake Social Media campaign	Social Media campaign started Campaign closed and information sent to DOI	FGP	May-25	DF	May-25	May-25	
Mar-25	24/25:321	Street Lighting Contract	Extend current contract for not exceeding six months and do more appropriate documentation for future tenders	Extended - variation contract signed.	WD	May-25	BW	Sep-25		
Apr-25	24/25:341	New Commissioners "On Boarding	Production of Handbook and Web Site Population	Contact details and photographs awaited	FGP	May-25	SB	May-25		
Apr-25	24/25:342	New Land Sculpture	"I Ramsey" sculpture	Further report costings and location	PL	May-25	SB/AF	Sep-25		
Apr-25	24/25:344	Review of Recording of Minutes	Establish a Decision Table	Develop and run for trial period to October	FGP	May-25	DF			
Apr-25	24/25:348	Provision of Free Wi-Fi	Investigate costs for various locations	Investigate costs and report back to Board	FGP	May-25	SB	Jul-25		
Apr-25	24/25:356	Public Records Office	Requests for release of records held	Liaise with Lead Member and Officers	FGP	May-25	DF/SB			

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	Property Address	Ruinous Register Entry Date	Commission's correspondance dates	Owner's correspondance dates	Stage	Letters of notices dates (if given)
	9 Auckland Lane	2019	27/02/2025			
	Water Street Boundary Wall	2018	27/02/2025			
	Britannia Hotel	2019				
	Seymour House - Ballure Road	2018	07/05/2025	16/05/2024		04/05/2021 28/10/2022 27/02/2023
	The Poplars - Bircham Ave, Ramsey	2019	13/12/2022			
	4 Hespera Terrace	2020				
	3 West Quay	2021				
	13 Water Street	2021	27/02/2025			
			12/05/2025			
	15 Water Street	2021	27/02/2025			
	17 Water Street	2021				
	Old Ocra Building Tower road	2021				
	Stanley Public House	2021				
	3 Cowell's Terrace	2018	13/08/2024			01/05/2024
				16/08/2024		
			14/11/2024			
				06/01/2025		
			06/01/2025			
			17/01/2025			
	Railway Line	2022				
	Coffee Pot	2022	30/09/2022			
	Sub-station - Tower Street	2022				
	21 Bowring Road	2023	04/03/2024			
				04/03/2024		
			24/01/2025			
				24/01/2025		
			27/01/2025			
				27/01/2025		
			13/02/2025			
				13/02/2025		
				Mar-25		
	2 Albion Terrace, Lezayre Road	2023	04/12/2023			
	Barry Curran's West Quay	2024	21/08/2024			
				21/08/2024		
			23/01/2025			
			24/01/2025			
			04/02/2025			
	5 Marine Gardens	2024				
	4 Albert Street	2023	25/03/2025			
	5 College Street	2019				
	Cannon Court	2022	27/08/2024			
				28/08/2024		
	Cool-Ny-Marrey Waterloo Road	Oct-24				
	Auldyn House - 22 Parliament St, 6 West Quay & 24 Parliament St (Tide & Jewel Box)	2019	20/01/2025			
				22/01/2025		
			14/02/2025			
				Feb-25		

	<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Ruinous Register Entry Date</b>	<b>Commission's correspondance dates</b>	<b>Owner's correspondance dates</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Letters of notices dates (if given)</b>
	The Groom, Bride Road	2025				
						Mar-25
	Old River Road Depot	2025	18/02/2025			
	Lloyds Bank	May-25				
	Barclays Bank	May-25				

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION SCHEME  
MAY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Chair of the Pensions Committee Councillor John Skinner has written to the Clerks of participating Local Authorities, attaching a letter they have sent to the Chief Minister (attached).

Briefly The Committee are expressing “serious concern and frustration” of the Department of Infrastructure’s stalling of the reform process for the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (IOMLGSS). If realised the proposals offer in the region of £1m of savings per annum across participating Authorities’ rate-borne costs.

The Committee ask that this matter be brought to the attention of the board and if members are so minded we write to the Chief Minister of our own accord in a bid to overcome the inertia.

**Recommendation – for review a decision as to whether a letter should be sent.**

D.C. Flint  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Participating Local Authorities  
IOMLGSS

AJTB/DE-SU-1-2

10th April 2025

Dear Clerk

**Re: Letter of Concern to Chief Minister - Isle of Man Local Government  
Superannuation Scheme – Scheme Reform Drafting Instructions**

Please find attached a copy of a letter of Concern to the Chief Minister issued, outlining concerns raised by the Council's Pensions Committee over the Department's decision not to progress scheme reform of the IOMLGSS for the foreseeable future. The Department's Minister and others were copied in. With estimated eventual savings to local authority scheme employers of over £1m per annum it is most disappointing that the Department has stalled progress towards securing the much-needed reforms.

I would be grateful if you could bring this letter to the attention of your Commissioner Board. Local Authority Scheme employers are encouraged to make their own approaches to the Chief Minister in a bid to reignite some momentum into the Scheme reform process.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor J E Skinner G.I Fire.E**  
**Chair of Pensions Committee**

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AJTB/DE-SU-1-2

10th April 2025

Dear Chief Minister

**Re: Letter of Concern - Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Scheme Reform Drafting Instructions**

The Pensions Committee at its meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 has asked me to write to you, outlining its serious concern and frustration over the Department of Infrastructure's (DoI) decision to stall the reform process for the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme (IOMLGSS), with no commitment for its re-commencement.

You are probably aware that the Pensions Committee and this Council have been pursuing the need for sustainability and affordability reform of the Scheme for a number of years now. It is now over 10 years since this was commenced, and in that time has been actively pursued through the DoI as the Scheme's Sponsoring Department.

The current 2012 IOMLGSS mirrors the old Local Government Pension Scheme for England and Wales from 2008, which has long since undergone its own far-ranging sustainability reforms. When I first became Chair of the Pensions Committee four years ago, it appeared that good progress was finally being made, with the work of the DoI's Policy Review Group underway considering the best way forward to achieve Scheme reform.

After some delay over funding issues, Scheme Actuaries Barnett Waddingham were appointed to work up a series of Scheme reform proposals, to mirror the GUS Scheme in terms of benefit structure. The proposals then underwent a substantive informal consultation phase with Scheme employers, employees and unions. This work was jointly funded by the Scheme and the DoI. Scheme reform was developing momentum, for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The Department was ultimately supportive of the proposed Scheme reform proposals, which it formally approved early in 2024. The reforms, if implemented, are estimated to generate more than £1m savings per annum in rateborne costs across all local authority employers participating in the Scheme.



The Department's approval paved the way for the drafting of legislative instructions for the Attorney Generals Chambers (AGC's) to prepare the new Scheme regulations, only to be informed in February 2024 that the Department had decided to place this project task on hold, subject to reconsideration of the position again in the autumn of 2024. At its March 2025 meeting, the Pensions Committee expressed much disappointment and frustration with the Department's halting of this vital work.

Each year of delay to the Scheme reform is unnecessarily costing the Island's ratepayers more than £1m. It is in the public interest therefore that resources are allocated to this task sooner rather than later. The Department clearly does not consider this a priority for the allocation of the necessary resources, and so a transfer of function to another Department that is better placed to give the required oversight of the Scheme (e.g. The Treasury or Cabinet Office) may be considered. This was communicated to the DoI in January 2025, although a formal response has not yet been received. Another option would be for the work to be jointly funded by the DoI and the Scheme (similar to the precedent already set for the funding of Scheme Actuary's work), though Committee has noted that it would be highly irregular for a local authority to take on responsibility for funding a Government's Department's work to take legislation through the legislative process.

I call on you to ensure that the machinery of Government is applied to ensure that the good work already achieved towards securing Scheme reform is not lost and that the reform process is urgently restarted through the preparation of drafting instructions for AGC's.

I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor J E Skinner G.I Fire.E**  
**Chair of Pensions Committee**

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Miss K J Rice, Chief Executive

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION JURY SERVICE  
MAY 2025 – PUBLIC**

M. Chairman and Members,

In the above connection The Cabinet Office have written to inform us about a public consultation regarding proposed amendments to the Jury Act 1980. The previous board were circulated personally on this matter on 11<sup>th</sup> April, last.

The last substantive legislative change to jury eligibility was made through the Jury Act 1980 (opens in a new tab). As a result of this Act, women were permitted to serve as jurors for the very first time, the age range for eligibility was expanded meaning that anyone between 18 and 65 could serve and a property qualification was removed. Additionally, certain professions, such as civil servants, teachers, and Commissioners, were no longer automatically excluded from the eligibility to serve as a juror.

The Tynwald Select Committee on the Jury System recommended:

'Everyone should be eligible to serve on a jury, except those involved in the administration of Justice (including police officers) and Members of Tynwald. Other persons with public duties should be allowed excusal for cause.'

In England and Wales under the Jury Act 1974, other than exemption for criminal convictions or those who fall under a mental disorder category, there are no other exemptions. However, there are reasons provided as to why an individual may need to be excused from jury service in exceptional circumstances. This occurs on a case-by-case basis, rather than the individual being exempt from ever sitting on a jury. These include:

- an insufficient understanding of English
- a full time carer of someone with an illness or disability
- a new parent and will not be able to serve at any other time in the next 12 months
- One can also ask to be excused from jury service if they have done it in the last 2 years.

This means that if you are not able to do jury service at that time, it should not preclude you from jury service in future.

**Town Clerk's report – Public Consultation Jury Service –  
May, 2025 – Public Continued:**

In Scotland and Northern Ireland excluded professions include judges, legal and court officials, law enforcement, prison staff, criminal justice personnel. Certain individuals receiving treatment under mental health legislation are also ineligible.

A list of Isle of Man exemptions are appended.

The focus of these amendments is to review and potentially revise the list of professions that are automatically excluded from being eligible to serve as jurors. This consultation is seen by Cabinet Officer as of particular interest to the island's local authorities, as there are many professions currently automatically exempt and some of these may come under the remit of each respective local authority. The Cabinet Office are therefore interested in those views.

The questions asked are quite detailed and really lend themselves to independent rather than collective response but generally ask whether the UK system should be adopted or any of the positions in the appendix below should be exempted.

The consultation is running until 23 May 2025 and can be completed online at the following link:

<https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/jury-eligibility-criteria-consultation/>

Members may wish to respond personally but if the board is minded, a letter can be drafted and delivered with a collective position.

**Recommendation – for a decision as to whether a letter should be sent or the matter left to individual responses.**

D.C. Flint  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Appendix.

### List of current exemptions.

- Peers and Peeresses entitled to receive writs of summons to attend the House of Lords
- Members of Tynwald
- Members of Statutory Boards and any Committees thereof
- A Clerk to Tynwald or any Branch thereof.
- The Tynwald Auditor General
- The Tynwald Commissioner for Administration
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- Deemster
- Judicial Officer within the meaning of section 3C of the *High Court Act 1991*
- High Bailiff
- Justice of the Peace
- Attorney General and professional members of his Department
- Any person whose duties are or include acting as clerk to any court of summary jurisdiction
- Chief Registrar
- A person who has at any time been a person falling within any description specified above in this Group
- A person for the time being appointed as an arbitrator pursuant to section 4(6) of the *Administration of Justice Act 1983*.
- Advocates, barristers or solicitors whether or not in actual practice as such
- Articled clerks
- Coroners
- Professionally qualified legal executives in the employment of advocates
- Lockmen
- Officers and staff of any court, if their work is mainly concerned with the day to day administration of the court
- A shorthand writer in any court
- Probation officers and persons appointed to assist
- Members of the Staff of any remand centre, detention centre, probation home, probation hostel or bail hostel
- Members of the Parole Committee
- Members of the body established under section 18(1) of the *Police Act 1993*
- A constable
- The governor and other officers of the Isle of Man Prison

- Persons employed for police purposes by the Department of Home Affairs
- Employees of the Public Services Commission assigned to the Department of Home Affairs
- The Chief Secretary, and those members of the staff of the Cabinet office whose work is concerned with the administration of justice and who have been designated as such, in writing, by the Chief Secretary
- A person who at any time within the last ten years has been a person falling within any description specified above in this Group.
  
- A person in holy orders; a regular minister of any religious denomination
- A vowed member of any religious order living in a monastery, convent or other religious community.
  
- Persons of the following professions if actually practising and registered (including provisionally or temporarily registered) enrolled, certified or licensed under enactments (including Acts of Parliament) relating to that profession:
  - Medical practitioners
  - Dentists
  - Nurses
  - Midwives
  - Veterinary surgeons
  - Pharmaceutical chemists.
  
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- The Chief Financial Officer of the Treasury
- The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Social Care
- The chief executive officer of the Isle of Man Post Office
- The Director of Education
- The Town Clerk of Douglas
- Full time members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces
- Members of the fire brigade maintained under the *Fire Services Act 1984*
- Persons employed for fire-fighting purposes at an aerodrome by the Department of Infrastructure
- Members of Her Majesty's Coastguard Service
- Lifeboat mechanics and crews
- Lighthouse keepers
- Editors, reporters and photographers of newspapers circulating in the Isle of Man and radio and television news reporters
- Qualified masters, certificated engineers and licensed officers of vessels and aircraft actually employed
- Harbour Masters
- Marine Surveyors and Assistant Marine Surveyors
- Industrial relations officers
- The Chief Executive of Manx Care.

- A person who suffers or has suffered from mental disorder and on account of that condition:
  - is liable to be detained (otherwise than by virtue of an application for admission for assessment)
  - is resident in a hospital or mental nursing home
  - is subject to guardianship
  - is subject to after-care under supervision
  - regularly attends treatment by a registered medical practitioner.

(Expressions in the above head are to be construed in accordance with the Mental Health Act 1998.)

- A person with respect to whom any proceedings under Part 7 of the *Mental Health Act 1998* have been commenced and have not been terminated.
- A person who is registered as a blind person
- A person who is certified by a registered medical practitioner to be so deaf as to be unable to perform the functions of a juror
- A person who is in receipt of an attendance allowance under section 35 of the *Social Security Act 1975* (an Act of Parliament), as it has effect in the Island
- A person who is certified by a registered medical practitioner to be suffering from a condition which:

(a) is likely to persist for more than 12 months, and

(b) is such as to render him incapable of performing the functions of a juror.

In addition, Part II of Schedule 2 of the Jury Act 1980 means that individuals sentenced to life imprisonment or a term of 5 years or more are disqualified from jury service. Those who have served any part of a sentence, been detained in a borstal institution, received a suspended sentence or community service order in the last 10 years, or been placed on probation in the last 5 years are also disqualified.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
SOUTH WARD BY-ELECTION  
MAY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

A by-election is required to fill the vacancy in Ramey South Ward.

There are four other local authorities which require a by-election to fill vacancies and it is proposed all of the by-elections take place on the same date. This will allow for the sharing of some of the costs associated with a by-election as well as benefiting from more media exposure.

The proposed date for the Notice of Election to be issued is 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The closing date for the receipt of Nomination Papers would be 1pm on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025. In the event of a contested election this would take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This date was chosen to avoid the TT period and have an election before the main school holidays.

In recent times elections and by-elections have taken place in the Board Room at the Town Hall. This facility works well and is easily serviced by the officers involved in the election. The set-up for the election is usually done the day before so that the Polling Station is ready to open at 8am.

In accordance with Standing Order 1 (2) the July Board Meeting of Ramsey Town Commissioners is due to take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – which would then require the Polling Station to be set-up after the Board Meeting.

Members are therefore asked to consider that in the event of a contested election that the July Board Meeting take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July or Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.

**Recommendation:** for discussion

**H. S. Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE OMA  
MAY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from the Oma Fair Trade Shop to operate a pop up “shop” on South Promenade on up to four occasions this summer.

They wish to operate on a Sunday concurrently with the sauna and coffee trailer which operate in this area. The pop-up would be in the form of a pop-up gazebo

The Commission considers each request on a case-by-case basis and has no formal policy for granting such licences.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to issue a Street Trader's Licence to Oma for the period requested.

**Recommendation:** for discussion.

**H. S. Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

14<sup>th</sup> May 2025



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
MAY 2025 - 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 April 2025 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £353,885.57 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £54,411.02 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in April 2025. 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 2025-26 Income and Expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 is attached at Appendix 2.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account some of which have been or will be financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2025-26 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

Upper Queens Pier Road refurbishment – on-going prof. fees	£5,670
Close Woirrey demolition	£200

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

**Rates**

During April 2025 £241,732 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2024-25 financial year (for comparison £204,924 was received in April 2024). This is the final instalment for the 2024-25 financial year and the figure will be included in the 2024-25 accounts as a debtor.

Taking this year end debt into account, at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 the total 2024-25 rate income was £3,457,523 compared to a budget of £3,482,879 (2023-24 £3,228,036 compared to a budget of £3,254,158).

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Accounts paid during April 2025

### Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b><u>General Account</u></b>		<b>£</b>
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	199,031.20
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	34,946.36
Various	Commission property repair, maint. & safety checks	16,959.83
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	16,880.85
Manx Utilities	Water charges & Electricity supply	15,627.22
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd	NDT - street lighting	11,907.00
Various	Legal & consultancy fees - Housing	6,804.00
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	6,715.58
Swept Clean Road Sweeping Serv. Ltd.	Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire	6,432.00
Various	IT costs	6,000.20
Various	Professional fees: non-housing	5,280.00
Various	Election costs	4,543.07
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd	Street lighting repair & maintenance	3,044.08
Various	Staff training	2,896.93
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,394.87
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	1,953.42
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	1,850.61
Various	Town events	1,784.46
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,682.27
Various	Phones	1,546.16
Various	Machinery servicing & repair	1,145.04
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	753.21
RTC	Petty cash	424.70
Various	Park materials	248.90
Craigs Construction Ltd.	Close Woirrey - part demolition fee	240.00
Various	Security & safety	148.61
Various	Gift vouchers	90.00
F B R Williams	Attendance Allowance	471.25
R D Cowell	Attendance Allowance	467.50
A J Oldham	Attendance Allowance	446.25
Ms Cottam-Shea	Attendance Allowance	273.75
Mr J McGuinness	Attendance Allowance	225.00
W G Young	Attendance Allowance	191.25
L Craine	Attendance Allowance	172.50
A Beighton	Attendance Allowance	161.25
Rev'd Greenwood	Attendance Allowance	146.25
		<b>353,885.57</b>
<b><u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u></b>		
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	20,418.64
Various	Recycling charges	15,997.33
Various	Administration	10,010.87
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	5,578.02
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	1,531.32
Various	Site maintenance	613.64
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	129.44
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phone	106.48
Bank	Charges	25.28
		<b>54,411.02</b>

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during April 2025

### Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mannin Pressure Washing Ltd.	IOM
Aimee Cowin	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Arven Chemicals Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Marksman Locksmith	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Martin Vaughan	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Newton Newton Flags Ltd.	UK
Claudia Dodds	IOM	Noodle & Bean Catering Ltd.	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
CuPlas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	P & J Dust Extraction Ltd.	UK
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Diversesigns Ltd.	IOM	Pristine Condition International Ltd.	UK
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Ellen van Staden	IOM	Rentokil Pest Control	UK
Equi-Ag.	IOM	Safety Management Services IOM Ltd.	IOM
Exceed Business Services Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Shennaghys Jiu	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Furnitureland	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Spectrum Windows Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Stark Building Materials Ltd. (formerly Jewsons)	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
ICR Retail Systems Ltd.	IOM	Suntera Accounting & Tax Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Sure IOM Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
IOM Post Office	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
JACs Stores	IOM	Watsons Nurseries Ltd.	IOM
J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM	Words & Spaces Printing Ltd.	IOM
MacBlair Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM		

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025 - Appendix 2**

	2025-26 to date			Estimate for 2025-26		
<b>Social Housing</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	85,475	473,566	(388,091)	4,767,064	5,193,041	(425,977)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Glass	0	0	0	486	0	486
Brookfield Court	819	0	819	22,954	17,091	5,863
Close ny Mooragh	5,860	42	5,818	53,755	43,023	10,732
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£92,154</b>	<b>£473,608</b>	<b>(£381,454)</b>	<b>£ 4,844,259</b>	<b>£ 5,253,155</b>	<b>£ (408,896)</b>

<b>Property and Assets</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	1,185	1,731	(546)	297,764	28,716	269,048
Workshops	4,289	0	4,289	128,554	0	128,554
Public Conveniences	5,253	0	5,253	64,466	0	64,466
Courthouse - loan repayment	0	0	0	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	5	0	5	7,251	0	7,251
Mansall Lease	0	2,500	(2,500)	5,692	13,257	(7,565)
Lakeside Centre	0	0	0	5,523	12,600	(7,077)
Parklands Day Nursery	0	4,465	(4,465)	4,540	20,733	(16,193)
Bowling Alley	0	0	0	5,613	15,000	(9,387)
Non-Lease Properties	37	0	37	10,293	0	10,293
Prom shelters, benches, signs	1,003	0	1,003	41,572	0	41,572
Private Property Repairs	20	0	20	20,500	0	20,500
CCTV town centre	107	0	107	1,910	0	1,910
Apprentices	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asbestos survey	0	0	0	17,167	0	17,167
R & N Districts Housing C.	807	550	257	20,600	22,660	(2,060)
Park assets	4,546	0	4,546	97,866	0	97,866
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£17,252</b>	<b>£9,246</b>	<b>£8,006</b>	<b>£744,111</b>	<b>£112,966</b>	<b>£631,145</b>

<b>Works &amp; Development</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	887	0	887	4,339	0	4,339
Car Parks	250	15,571	(15,321)	27,566	29,827	(2,261)
Refuse Removal	22,854	0	22,854	921,734	175,701	746,033
Civic Amenity contribution	0	0	0	255,948	0	255,948
Sewers & Pumps	0	0	0	103,978	103,978	0
Street lighting & maint.	28,237	0	28,237	288,268	0	288,268
Decorative maint.	0	0	0	10,940	0	10,940
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
Local Services	36,315	0	36,315	292,554	0	292,554
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£88,543</b>	<b>£15,571</b>	<b>£72,972</b>	<b>£1,955,327</b>	<b>£309,506</b>	<b>£1,645,821</b>

<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	1,871	1,642	229	62,997	12,500	50,497
Parks & Gardens	19,459	0	19,459	339,262	4	339,258
Games Concessions	0	0	0	546	0	546
Public Library	11,605	703	10,902	170,103	9,616	160,487
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£32,935</b>	<b>£2,345</b>	<b>£30,590</b>	<b>£572,908</b>	<b>£22,120</b>	<b>£550,788</b>

<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	8,735	0	8,735	128,909	0	128,909
Office Expenses	61,065	11,834	49,231	848,073	120,803	727,270
Sundry Expenses	3,805	0	3,805	10,117	0	10,117
Miscellaneous	1,782	1,410	372	71,295	41,563	29,732
Swimming Pool	0	0	0	47,451	0	47,451
Town Band	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	1,397	4	1,393	66	102	(36)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£76,784</b>	<b>£13,248</b>	<b>£63,536</b>	<b>£1,107,911</b>	<b>£162,468</b>	<b>£945,443</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£307,668</b>	<b>£514,018</b>	<b>(£197,104)</b>	<b>£ 9,224,516</b>	<b>£ 5,860,215</b>	<b>£ 3,364,301</b>
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<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£241,732</b>	<b>(£241,732)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 3,635,908</b>	<b>(£3,635,908)</b>
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**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications  
May, 2025 – Public Continued:**

P.A. NO.: 25/90473/B  
PROPOSED: Replacement of workshop roof and conversion into additional living accommodation to rear of dwelling  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **1, Cannells Lane, Ramsey**

P.A. NO.: 25/90478/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of single-story extension to rear elevation, installation of first floor door to extension roof balcony, installation of flue, installation of ground floor door to side elevation  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Orrysville, 4, Coburg Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,  
Technical Services Manager

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

**R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT**  
**APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MAY, 2025**

<i><b>P.A. No.</b></i>	<i><b>Proposed Work(s)</b></i>	<i><b>Site</b></i>	<i><b>R.T.C. Recommendation</b></i>	<i><b>D.o.I. Correspondence</b></i>
23/00744/B	Full approval for a residential development comprising up to 153 dwellings and community uses with associated highway and pedestrian access and infrastructure, drainage, landscaping and public open space together with approval in principle for a primary school on land at Vollan Fields together with enhancement of existing habitat on land to the east of Royal Park	Land At Vollan Field No's 131042, 131043, 135315 And 135318 Land East of Royal Park Field No's 131085 and 135140 Andreas Road	Meeting held: 19/07/23  Observation/ No Objection	11/10/24 Application APPROVED 30/10/24 APPEAL requested 29/04/25 Application APPROVED  <a href="#">Link to Application</a>
24/91399/B	Proposed parking area on vacant overgrown landscaped area	Land to the rear of Oakfield, May Hill	Meeting held: 19/02/2025  No Comment	24/03/25 Application APPROVED 22/04/25 APPEAL requested  <a href="#">Link to Application</a>
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
CARPARKING RESIDENTS' RATES  
MAY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

A resident has written to the Commission requesting a review of the charging rates for car parking spaces that come under the Commission's control.

The resident has stated that they currently pay for a parking space close to their property which unfortunately does not have its own parking. The resident finds themselves with limited funds and declining health, so the board has requested a review of the parking in the immediate area.

For some comparison, contract parking is available at Government owned properties such as the Tongue, Little River Bridge, River Bridge and Chester Street Car Parks for £1,180 plus VAT a year.

RTC currently have 4 car parks which come under their control, and they are charged out at £406.48 plus VAT a year.

There are currently:

- 12 spaces at Tower Street, 9 of which are in use and 3 are restricted.
- 19 spaces at Water Street, 12 of which are in use, 7 are restricted. The parking area is divided by a building/workshop not owned by RTC and is currently not in use.
- 16 spaces at College Street, 8 of which are in use, 2 are disabled spaces and 6 are available.
- 6 Spaces at Chapel Lane all of which are in use.

In the past a request for disabled parking was received for College street. Two spaces were put in, but they are not chargeable and free for anyone that requires one to use.

Government offers disabled and reserve places. They only introduce these spaces where it considers it to be necessary to provide for specific users however the general policy is not to implement dedicated bays for specific highway users unless it is considered absolutely necessary. This is due to general parking pressures and the increased difficulties this could cause to other users.

Disabled spaces are introduced to prevent disabled motorists or passengers from having to park further away from destinations than they are reasonably able to walk. Reserved parking places enable particular users to park near their homes, where easy access to their vehicle is a necessity to facilitate their work, where they perform a specific important or emergency function on the island. Reserved parking places can also be introduced for the disabled where they struggle to park within walking distance of their home. Reserved parking spaces are subject to meeting strict criteria where the need for a dedicated bay can be fully demonstrated.

Government have a policy DP-06-018 Disabled & Reserved Parking Policy which includes exclusions, one being off-street parking.

## Technical Services Manager's Report – Car Parking Rates – May, 2025, Public Continued:

Parking bays under RTC's control are approximately 60% cheaper than those in Douglas. It could be argued that the condition of some of surfaces are not the best however, some of the car parks are not under our ownership and maintenance is not our responsibility.

If you were to compare College Street to Water Street, then:

College Street	Water Street
16 spaces – one open space backing onto another parking area	19 spaces over two areas
Mostly residential users	Mostly Commercial users
12 residential properties from Waterloo Rd can access it directly from the rear of the property	3 residential properties from Albert Street can access it directly from the rear of the property
Has 2 disable bay's which are available to all to use	Has no disabled bays – if disabled bays were to put in, they would not be accessible to all and personalised.
Size = approx. 545m2	Size = approx. 256m2 & 365m2 Total 621m2

### Water Street Car park



## Technical Services Manager's Report – Car Parking Rates – May, 2025, Public Continued:

### College Street



Maintenance costs of the car parks have to be considered when evaluating charges and any potential reduction. College street currently has the best road surface. Water street surface is ok however, it is impacted by the condition of the neighbouring properties.

Indicative costs for maintenance of the surface only without any inclusion for raising any iron work or any road lining we would be looking at £16 a square meter for Micro Asphalt and £80 a square meter for tarmac. Micro asphalt being a surface treatment to extend the life of the surface, tarmac being a more substantial repair. Failure of any substructure will of course heavily impact on any costs and the length of time the parking bays are out of use.

Station road car park is under the ownership of RTC, yet we do not charge for parking in it. It is used by both customers of the supermarket that abuts the car park, and then long stay parking is used by neighbouring residents and other people who work within the town or who use the park and ride facility that the car park supports.

Do we have a policy that governs how we operate our car parks to ensure fairness, not that I am aware of.

Have we undertaken any evaluation of the use of our carparks to ensure that we are maximising occupancy, not that I am aware of.

Should we be providing parking spaces at a discounted rate for a select few residents?

**Recommendation:** at this stage do not provide residential rates for people using carparks but look to develop a policy for the provision of the car parks.

B. Wallace.  
Technical Services Manager

24<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
HEDGES  
MAY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Several years ago, the Department of Infrastructure bestowed powers on local authorities to deal with hedge obstructions on pavements under Section 52 of the Highways Act 1986 – Cutting etc of vegetation.

*51 Cutting etc of vegetation  
[P1980/66/154]*

- (1) Where a hedge, tree, shrub or other vegetation overhangs a highway or any other road or path to which the public has access so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of any traffic, or so as to obstruct or interfere with the view of drivers of vehicles or the light from a public lamp, the Department **may**, by notice to the owner of the hedge, tree, shrub or other vegetation, or to the occupier of the land on which it is growing, require him so to lop or cut it as to remove the cause of the danger, obstruction or interference.*
- (2) Where it appears to the Department —*
  - (a) that any hedge, tree or shrub is dead, diseased, damaged or insecurely rooted; and*
  - (b) that by reason of its condition it, or part of it, is likely to cause danger by falling on any such highway, road or footpath as is mentioned in subsection (1);*

*the Department **may**, by notice to the owner of the hedge, tree or shrub, or to the occupier of the land on which it is growing, require him so to cut or fell it as to remove the likelihood of danger.*

- (3) However, the Department **may** instead itself carry out any appropriate cutting, lopping or felling — (a) if, in the opinion of the Department, the danger is such that it needs to be carried out immediately; or Highways Act 1986 Section 52 c AT 17 of 1986 Page 47*
  - (b) otherwise at any time after 14 days have elapsed since service of a notice under subsection (1) or subsection (2), if it has not been carried out by the owner or occupier.*
- (4) Where the Department, in carrying out any works pursuant to subsection (3), removes anything from a highway, the Department **may** dispose of it in such manner as it thinks fit, but if the Department sells the thing, it must pay the proceeds of sale, less any expenses of removal and sale, to the owner.*
- (5) Where the Department carries out any works pursuant to subsection (3) it **may** recover the cost of doing so from the owner or occupier of the land on which the hedge, tree, shrub or other vegetation is situated.*
- (6) No act of the Department or of its servants or agents carried out in good faith under this section is a contravention of the Tree Preservation Act 1993*

The Technical Services Team regularly write to people where their hedges obstruct the pavement and the safe passage of pedestrians.

You will notice above though that the legislation is written in a way that states the Department **MAY** undertake work and **MAY** recover the costs. For the purposes of legislation, the definition Highway included the pavements and is not just the road.



**Technical Services Manager's Report - Hedges –  
May, 2025, Public Continued:**

Nesting season is March to August, and it is recommended that hedge works are not carried out at this time unless it is a safety issue. Where a hedge obstructs the passage of pedestrians forcing them into the road or across the road we would class it as a safety issue.

One such problem hedge is Number 37 Lezayre Park, it is a repeat offender, and whilst they do cut their hedge, they have failed to manage the growth of the hedge and have allowed it to project out over the pavement.

The owners were written to on the below occasions, each time with guidance documents of what is required and why: -

29<sup>th</sup> November 2021,

04<sup>th</sup> October 2023,

02<sup>nd</sup> April 2024,

09<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The last letter gave the owners 21 days to address the issues, and they have failed to take the hedge to the back of the pavement. The hedge is a Leylandii and to take it back will leave it looking unsightly but that isn't our issue. Parking on Lezayre Park like many of our estates is a premium and regularly sees cars parked all the way along the road on both sides, potentially an issue for emergency services.

The Commission writes to owners asking them to undertake works. This letter is seen as giving notice to the owner to do the work. The Board have actively highlighted issue hedges to the Commission staff to write to owners to resolve issues, so there is an acceptance there that we will undertake steps however, how far do the board wish to go?

It should be noted that most hedges are cut back as requested, but there are a few that only undertake minimum cuts and fail to take the hedge back to the boundary.

**Overhead view of 37 Lezayre Park**



**Technical Services Manager's Report — Hedges —  
May, 2025, Public Continued:**



People have a right to privacy however, people also have a right to move freely along a pavement and not be put in danger by being forced to walk in the road or to have to cross the road.

With the issue of parked cars within the estate you are at risk of people (small children) stepping out from between parked cars to get to where they need to go. This hedge is increasing the likelihood of something happening.

Hedge selection is very important, and people need to be more aware of what they are planting and the maintenance of it going forward. Leylandii's are renowned for maintenance issues and arguments between neighbours over light obstructions and growth.

**Technical Services Manager's Report — Hedges —  
May, 2025, Public Continued:**

It is our intention to write to the owner forewarning them that they have failed to undertake the works as requested therefore, we will be organising for a contractor to come in and cut the hedge back to the boundary of the property within 7-10 days of the letter and we will be looking to recover the costs for the work and the disposal of the cuttings.

**Recommendation: For noting**

B. Wallace.  
Technical Services Manager

12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
UPDATES 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Just to give a couple of updates for noting:

**BMX Course** – As per the Board's request the Parks team have commenced a maintenance regime for the track and surrounding area until such time as an organisation or person takes on the track. The Works Team are tidying the area up with the removal of the structures which are beyond repair such as the container, the shed and the port-a-loo.

**Recommendation:** For noting

**Streetlighting – NDT & column replacements and LED Replacements** – the Non-destructive testing (NDT) has been completed again for this year. 6 Columns were identified as requiring immediate replacement. They will be cut down and taken out of action and their replacements programmed in as soon as possible.

The lights are located:

- 1 on Greenlands Avenue
- 1 on Ormly Grove
- 2 on Rheast Mooar Lane
- 1 at the Vollar
- 1 on Whitebridge Avenue

This work is programmed in during the summer to maximise the day light and lessen the impact on residents and pedestrians when lights are out of action.

A further 54 columns showed corrosion in the base of the column and have been recommended for retest at 2 years. The remaining columns have passed with a retest at the standard 6 years.

The recommendations are that columns are visually inspected every visit, with a routine inspection every 2 years. Then ad-hoc inspections are carried out as required with a test every 6 years unless otherwise specified.

A petition has been prepared and is with finance for the figures before being sent to the DOI for approval. We have requested to borrow no more than £120,000, with works currently estimated at £91,947.96.

The final phase of the LED replacements is programmed to start on the 8<sup>th</sup> May with a short break for TT expected competition date end of July.

**Recommendation:** For noting

B. Wallace.  
Technical Services Manager

7<sup>th</sup> May 2025.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT  
DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN  
MAY, 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

**Background / Situation Analysis:**

Dog fouling has become a major concern in Ramsey. A minority of irresponsible dog owners allow their pets to foul public spaces without cleaning up, often during early mornings or late evenings, making enforcement difficult. This is affecting public health, town aesthetics, and overall satisfaction. Public frustration is high, but so is potential support for change.

A clean Community starts with small actions. Picking up after your dog isn't just the law – it's a reflection of who you are.

This report outlines a comprehensive campaign to address the issue of dog fouling in public spaces.

The Campaign aims to reduce dog waste in lanes, streets and shared areas through public education, community engagement and alternative enforcement strategies.

**Objectives:**

The main objectives of the campaign are to:

- Raise public awareness of the issue and penalties.
- Raise public awareness about the health risks and environmental impact of dog fouling.
- Promote responsible pet ownership.
- Encourage community involvement and local pride.
- Implement practical, long-term solutions to deter offenders.

Dog fouling is a health hazard. It can spread bacteria and parasites such as toxocariasis which is especially dangerous to children. There are no excuses.

Dog fouling is a persistent issue that affects health, safety and community pride. It is unpleasant for our Staff who must undertake their daily duties in areas where irresponsible dog owners have allowed their dog to defecate – and have left faeces behind.

**Stakeholder Analysis:**

**Primary:** Dog owners (especially repeat offenders)

**Secondary:** General public, children & families, local schools, businesses.

**Tertiary:** Dog walking services, veterinarians, animal welfare groups.

With a combination of education and encouraging the Community to report instances where dog fouling has occurred, we can create a cleaner, healthier and more respectful environment.

## Technical Assistant's Report – Dog Fouling Campaign May, 2025 – Public Continued:

### Key Messages:

#### Core Message:

“Dog poo isn’t just a nuisance—it’s a health hazard. Bag it, bin it, or face the consequences.”

#### Supportive Messages:

- “Letting your dog foul is letting your Town down.”
- “We’re watching – day or night.”
- “Report it. Stop it. Clean it up.”
- “Most dog owners are responsible—are you?”

### Strategy

Use integrated communication and community engagement to:

- Promote pride in Ramsey’s shared spaces
- Create social pressure and norms around responsible pet ownership
- Make reporting and enforcement more visible and accessible

### Option 1:

Keep Britain Tidy have a dog fouling campaign and can supply glow in the dark signs to help remind thoughtless dog owners that “we’re watching you”. According to their statistics, these signs helped to reduce dog fouling by 46%. They also have a “poo fairy” poster and “do it for you dog” posters.



Sarah



Ben



Wollie

Keep Britain Tidy can also supply glow in the dark A4 stickers for litter bins and glow in the dark spray paint. The temporary, non-toxic paint marks uncollected faeces and highlights the issue – hopefully deterring repeated behaviour by offenders who refuse to just “pick it up”.

The campaign package includes the campaign guidance pack, A3 glow-in the dark correx signs at £32 per sign plus vat (minimum order 5), with signs 3 and 4 available. Also available are A4 litter bin stickers (glow in the dark & £8.00 per sticker). We could approach local businesses to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the campaign.

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### Option 2:

To get the campaign started, here are some posters which we could use in the interim:



A Competition could then be run where children design their own anti-fouling poster and we then use 4 or 5 of the best designs.

### Tactics

#### Week 1–2: Launch Phase

- Press release and campaign launch event with local officials and schools
- Social media teaser campaign: “The Poo Problem in Ramsey”
- Branded bins and signage installed in hotspot areas

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### Week 3–6: Education & Engagement

- Leaflet drops in problem areas
- School/ community art competition: “Design a Clean Town Poster” (going into Summer, areas where children playing are important)
- Partner with vets to distribute campaign materials

### Week 7–9: Reporting & Enforcement Focus

- Launch anonymous reporting hotline and online form
- Night-time patrols by wardens using body cameras if feasible (contractor)
- Publish reports of successful prosecutions and fines

### Week 10–12: Wrap-Up & Sustain

- Community litter-pick day
- Highlight cleaner streets and positive community involvement on social media
- Conduct public survey to evaluate campaign effectiveness

### Resources

- Budget for signage, printing, digital promotion, and part-time enforcement
- Staff: Campaign lead, PR support, wardens
- Support from volunteers and local schools

### Timescales

Phase	Activities	Dates
Planning	Finalise materials & partnerships	April 2025
Launch	Press, signage, awareness push	1–14 May
Mid-Campaign	Engagement & reporting drive	15 May–30 June
Final Push	Highlight wins, legacy actions	1–23 July

### Evaluation

**Quantitative:** Number of reports, prosecutions, and public responses

**Qualitative:** Public feedback, social media sentiment, survey results

**Visual:** Before/after photos of key areas

### Feedback & Continuous Improvement

- Use community feedback mid-way to tweak messaging or tactics
- Identify persistent hotspots and consider long-term monitoring
- Publish a post-campaign report for transparency and planning future actions

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

G. Kelly (Miss)  
Technical Assistant

30<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICES OF MOTION  
MAY 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notices of Motion, are submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness:-

**1. Notice of Motion: Dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025 – Public Accountability Meetings:**

“To insert into section 1 of the Standing Orders after subsection (6) the following sub clause;

"(7) In addition to the meetings specified above, the Board shall hold two Public Accountability Meetings each year: one to be held between January and March, and one between July and September. These meetings shall be convened in a public forum, at a venue and time to be determined by the Board, and shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Board. At each meeting, the Chairman shall present a report on the work and decisions of the Board since the last such meeting, and the Board shall receive and respond to questions from members of the public. The Town Clerk shall give not less than 14 days' public notice of each Public Accountability Meeting, including details of how members of the public may submit questions in advance or register to ask questions in person. These meetings shall be additional to the ordinary meetings of the Board and shall be minuted and published in the usual manner."

This motion seeks to strengthen openness and public engagement by providing a formal mechanism for residents to ask questions, raise issues, and hear directly from the Board in a dedicated public forum twice a year. While steps have already been taken to improve transparency, such as livestreaming meetings, this proposal goes further by embedding regular public meetings in Standing Orders. The aim is to make it easier for residents to understand and engage with the decisions that affect Ramsey, and to promote greater trust and accountability in local government."

**2. Notice of Motion: Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025 – Establishment Committee:**

“To insert into Section 3 subsection (4) of the standing orders the wording "the Deputy Chairman" as outlined below in bold and italic;

"(4) Establishment Committee:

The Establishment Committee shall be a properly constituted Standing Committee and having regard to Clause (3) (a - f) the following members shall Constitute such Committee:- the Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes, who will be Chairman; the Chairman of the Board, ***the Deputy Chairman*** and the Deputy Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes.



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The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and may invite other Members or Officers of the Board to attend as considered appropriate.

The remit of the Establishment Committee shall be in accordance with those matters relating to staff personnel and establishment and shall be as detailed within these Standing Orders and Schedule A hereto."

The committees of the Board require at least three members present to be quorate. Currently, the Establishment Committee is constituted with exactly three members, leaving it at risk of being inquorate if any member is absent. Historically, the role of Deputy Chairman has been regularly invited to attend meetings of this Committee, reflecting the value of the additional input. Formalising the Deputy Chairman's membership will strengthen the Committee by:

- Adding resilience to maintain quorum;
- Ensuring continuity of governance even during absences; and
- Providing a broader range of views and experience in matters relating to staff, personnel, and establishment."

### **3. Notice of Motion Audit Existing Stock of Deckchairs:**

"That this Board resolves to:

- Instruct the Officers to conduct an audit of the existing stock of deckchairs owned by Ramsey Town Commissioners, including their current condition, locations of use, and any existing storage arrangements.
- Request that Officers prepare a business case for submission to the Department for Enterprise's Local Economy Fund, seeking grant funding to:
  - a) Procure additional deckchairs to enhance seating availability in Ramsey Town Centre, Mooragh Park, and for use at local events; and
  - b) Secure a suitable storage solution to protect and manage the expanded stock of deckchairs efficiently.
- Receive a report back within [insert a reasonable timeframe, e.g., two months] with the audit findings and a draft of the proposed business case for review and approval.

Providing accessible, comfortable outdoor seating is a proven way to encourage people to linger longer in public spaces, which in turn supports local businesses and fosters a welcoming, relaxed town centre atmosphere. Deckchairs have historically been a popular feature in Ramsey, particularly in the Courthouse area, where their availability encourages residents and visitors alike to enjoy takeaway food and drinks from local cafés and restaurants in an informal, social setting.

While Ramsey Town Commissioners have added some good-quality deckchairs in recent years, a significant portion of the stock is old and deteriorating, especially those that remain outdoors for long periods. There is currently no formal audit of the total number and condition of deckchairs available (that I am aware of), and provision in the Mooragh Park is limited or absent due to the storage facility requiring key holder access. At present, storage arrangements are limited and not always easily accessible. Deckchairs at the Courthouse are stored in a building leased out by Ramsey Town Commissioners, and in the park, they are kept in a locked hut requiring staff intervention to access. A key part of this proposal is to explore storage options—potentially including publicly accessible solutions that allow for more flexible use with minimal additional staffing costs. Expanding availability, particularly in key visitor spots and at local events, would enhance the amenity of Ramsey’s public spaces and support the town’s ambitions to create a more vibrant, attractive environment.

The project aligns with the objectives of the Local Economy Fund, which aims to:

- Improve the quality, appearance, or amenity of local areas; and
- Increase footfall [...] in town centres.

New and expanded deckchair provision would meet both aims, enhancing the visitor experience and encouraging more people to spend time (and money) in the town. This proposal seeks to foster a relaxed, informal atmosphere in Ramsey’s key public spaces, contributing to the town’s identity as a welcoming, people-friendly place to visit and spend time.”

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides that every motion relating to any new subject or matter not already before the Board, other than a motion which under Standing Order 15 may be moved without notice, shall be given in writing at the ordinary meeting preceding the one at which it is intended to bring it forward.

Standing Order 14 also provides that “the Chairman may, if conducive to the despatch of business, allow the motion to be dealt with at the meeting at which it is brought forward.

8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.