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17<sup>th</sup> July, 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

**2. To Receive the Deputy Returning Officer's Certificate of Member elected for South Ward (By-Election held 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025)**

**2. Minutes for Adoption:**

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- Special Board Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.
- Board Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

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

**4. Matters for Information:**

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- Action Tracker – July, 2025.

**5. Finance and General Purposes:**

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- Town Clerk's Reports:
  - Local Government Amendment Bill Update
  - Public Consultation Environmental Protection Bill
- Deputy Town Clerk's Reports:
  - Ramsey Rocks Food Vendors
  - Street Traders – Rumblin Tum

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

**6. Works and Development:**

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- Town Clerk's Reports:
  - Royal Park Phase 2
- Technical Services Manager's Report(s):
  - Planning Applications

**7. Notices of Motion:**

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The following notices of Motion have been submitted:

In the name of Mr. J. McGuinness

- "Public Arts Trail

In the name of Mrs. P. Johns-Garrett:-

- "NCAS – Re-Evaluation Re-Use Site

**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 ]**

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, at 7.00p.m.

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

A vacancy exists in South Ward.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were in attendance.

The Chief Constable, Russ Foster KPM, was in attendance by invitation.

**(2025/26:039)**

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Constable to meeting thanked him for his attendance.

Following introductions the Chief Constable gave a presentation outlining his background and his strategic plan.

In response to questions from those in attendance the Chief Constable gave updates into a number of areas including:

- Dealing with non-criminal matters
- Operation of Emergency Services Joint Control Room
- Increasing in canine capacity
- Pressures around MONEYVAL
- Prison and probation
- Neighbourhood Policing and current operational matters
- Drug use
- Road Traffic issues
- Armed response cover
- Issues around social media

The Chairman thanked the Chief Constable for attending the meeting.

No matters were recorded in private.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. giving a time of 2 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, at 7.00p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. J. Oldham, Mesdames W. S. Bruchal, S., Cottam-Shea, E. L. Honey, P. Johns-Garrett, S. M. Moss, E. S. Shimmin and M. M. J. Webb; Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood and J. McGuinness,

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. G. Young.

A vacancy exists in South Ward.

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

**(2025/26:040) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**(2025/26:041) Matters Arising:**

No matters were raised.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2025/26:042) Action Tracker June, 2025:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, subject to the following:-

***Bus Services*** – Mr. McGuinness referred to the comment that no additional bus services between Ramsey and the West of the Island were being provided by Bus Vannin for 2025. He moved that Bus Vannin be informed of the Commission’s disappointment at this decision and they be advised of many complaints received with regard to the general provision of single-decker buses during the T.T. period which meant that many people wishing to utilise public transport could not do so; particularly when double-decker buses would appear to have been available.

Ms Cottam-Shea seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

***Bags for Life*** – Mr. McGuinness referred to the remaining stock of the Town’s Bags for Life which he understood had sold well during the T.T. period. A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that, subject to the cost still being acceptable, 100 of each type of the two bags be purchased. The proposal was seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and carried unanimously.

***BMX Track*** – Mr. McGuinness sought an update on discussions with regard to the future of the BMX Track. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the parties had not made formal contact with him. Mr. McGuinness commented on the need to be proactive in this matter.

***Alternate Hardstanding Locations*** – Mr. McGuinness sought further information on this matter. The Technical Services Manager undertook to inform Mr. McGuinness when she had reminded herself of the circumstances.

***Action Tracker General*** – Mr. McGuinness asked that the Action Tracker be reviewed / updated particularly with regard to Target Completion dates.

***Review of the Re-Use*** – Mr. McGuinness queried progress on this matter. The Town Clerk informed members that, as contractors, the Commission is not in a position to reintroduce the re-use area. Mrs. Johns-Garrett asked if the part of the site now used for storage of electrical goods could be condensed and part used for re-use goods. The Town Clerk advised that the Commission could only act when instructed to do so by the Department of Infrastructure. Members were reminded that legal advice is being sought to enable the contract for operation of the NCAS to be finalised.

**(2025/26:043) Ruinous Register:**

Resolved: To note the Ruinous Register at 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, detailing properties within the Town about which there are concerns.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2025/26:044) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – South Ward By-Election:**

Resolved; To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, advising of the closure of nominations for the By-Election in South Ward.

Members were informed that three candidates had been nominated, that a Poll will be taken on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, and that the July Board Meeting will be held, as agreed should an election be necessary, on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

In response to a query from Mr. McGuinness members were informed that a "hustings" meeting is being arranged, which the Deputy Town Clerk will promote when details are confirmed.

**(2025/26:045) Finance Officer's General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, subject to the following:-

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure – Mr. McGuinness sought clarification with regard to the heading “Sewers and Pumps” under Works & Development – the Finance Officer informed members that this was related to loan charges because of historic capital borrowing, which were paid quarterly by the Commission and recovered from Manx Utilities.

**Works and Development:-**

Ms. Cottam-Shea took the opportunity to congratulate and thank all involved with T.T. Week and particularly the very successful SprintFest.

**(2025/26:046) Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures.

No objections / observations were made on those applications listed.

**(2025/26:047) Technical Assistant's Report – Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign:**

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025, giving details of costs for the implementation of options agreed for an Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign, totalling £5,405.00 (excluding V.A.T.).

Discussion ensued with regard to the provision of an increased number of smaller repository bins; CCTV deterrents. The logistics, practicalities and costings of the Commission in providing large blue bins was explained in addition to the difficulties of using CCTV evidence.

Mr. McGuinness commented that he had voted against last month because he felt it might not be the most cost-effective way of addressing the problem he felt the money could be better spent. He suggested that if the amount could be split between a campaign and towards the budget for town warden services.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Ms Cottam-Shea, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Mrs. Moss voting against, the Commission launch a “pared-down campaign (using the cheaper option for posters, etc.,) and increase the budget for town warden services.

Ms Honey commented that the blue bins required stickers to be placed on them indicating that they are suitable receptacles for bagged dog faeces; and that the public need to be vociferous in reporting dog owners who allow their dogs to foul.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2025/26:048) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Leighney Field:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, concerning the request made by Rasmey AFC with regard to grass cutting of the Leighney Field should be Club be successful in engaging with a lease with DESC for use, in conjunction with others of the field.

Mr. McGuinness commented that if the Commission agreed to such action there should be a signed service agreement in place; consideration would have to be taken as to the creation of any precedent and what are the cost implications.

A proposal was put by Ms. Honey that, if the field is to be used by the Club and the public, a 50;50 split of costs be agreed. The proposal did not receive a seconder.

General discussion continued following which a proposal was put by Ms Cottam-Shea, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 8 votes to 2, Mrs. Moss and Mr. McGuinness voting against, that the matter be deferred pending receipt of further information with regard to the agreement between the Club and DESC.

A request by Mrs. Webb for a re-vote as she had not fully understood the resolution being put was declined.

**(2025/26:049) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Manx International Classic Trial:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, conveying the request made by the Manx Trials Club for support with regard to the Manx International Classic Trial to be staged in Ramsey on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, by way of the loan of barriers and signs; and in supporting the use of Market Place car park.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Honey and agreed without division, the event be supported.

**(2025/26:050) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – SprintFest:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, concerning the 2025 SprintFest.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission agree at this stage to allow the same format and budget for SprintFest 2026 as that of 2025. Mrs. Johns-Garrett queried if the final figures for 2025 were available. Mr. McGuinness responded that, as detailed within the report, not as yet; but continued that the amount sought for budget was £20,000, which has been the same for the last 6 years and that grant is given on a 2:1 basis for events such as this to a maximum of £6,000. Mr. McGuinness's proposal was seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea.

Mr. Oldham proposed the matter be deferred pending receipt of the final figures – Mr. McGuinness explained that consideration of final figures would have no bearing on the budget request. No seconder was sought.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 9 votes to 1, Mrs. Moss voting against.

**(2025/26:051) Technical Services Manager's Report – Community Garden:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, concerning the suggestion to create a community garden and suggesting land on the Mooragh Estate on the Peveril Plot as a suitable site.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Ms Cottam-Shea, seconded by Mrs. Webb and agreed unanimously that the site be approved and the matter be progressed by way of the invitation of expressions of interest for this community scheme.

**Notices of Motion:**

**(2025/26:052) Public Accountability Meetings:**

Mr. McGuinness presented and moved the Notice of Motion dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025, standing in his name, that Standing Orders be amended to include in addition to specified meetings, two Public Accountability Meetings, as detailed within the Notice to enable the public to be made more aware of the activities of the Commission.

The notice of motion was seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and carried by 6 votes to 4 – Mesdames Bruchal, Moss and Shimmin and Mr. Oldham voting against.

**(2025/26:053) Establishment Committee:**

Mr. McGuinness presented and moved the Notice of Motion dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025, that Standing Orders be amended with regard to membership of the Establishment Committee to include the Deputy Chairman of the Board.

The notice of motion was seconded by Ms Honey and carried without division.

**(2025/26:054) Camper Vans in the Ramsey Area**

Members were advised that it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders to facilitate consideration of the Notice of Motion dated 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, standing in the name of Mrs. Johns-Garrett concerning Camper Vans. [Standing Order 20 refers - 6 months ruling].

A proposal put by Mrs. Johns-Garrett that Standing Orders be suspended did not receive a seconder.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2025/26:055) Redundant Telephone Kiosk Courthouse Grounds:**

Mr. McGuinness referred to the Commission's wish to acquire the redundant telephone kiosk at the Courthouse Grounds some time ago with the intention of having a defibrillator unit installed therein; and sought an update on this matter.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the telephone kiosk has been transferred to the Commissioners, for nominal consideration. He declared an interest due to membership of the League of Friends but advised members that the League of Friends in conjunction with Craig's Heart Strong Foundation have indicated their willingness to fund the provision of a defibrillator.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed without division, the kind offer be accepted.

**(2025/26:056) Lamp Standards Parliament Street:**

Mrs. Johns-Garrett drew attention to the poor condition of paint on some of the lamp standards in Parliament Street and asked if they could be repainted? The Technical Services Manager advised that no budget had been included in 2025/26 for this work.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Ms. Honey, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed without division, that the Town and Village Regeneration Scheme be asked if funding for this work could be made available to the Commission.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the Scheme does not usually provide 100% grant and wished the Clause to include a caveat to this effect.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 8.15 p.m. p.m.

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

**(2025/26:057) Minutes Recorded in Private:**

For record purposes – to note that no minutes from the board Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025 were recorded in private.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2025/26:058) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

**(2025/26:059) On-Going Matters “Ruinous Register Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Ruinous Register” to 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, subject to the following:

*Seymour House* – the Technical Services Manager informed members that this matter has gone to Court.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2025/26:060) Finance Office’s Report:**

Resolved; to note the Finance Officer’s private report dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2025/26:061) Minutes Housing Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025.

Questions concerning progress on redevelopment of the Close Woirrey site and concerning staff replacements were answered by the Housing and Property Manager.

No matters were recorded in private.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. giving a time of 2 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

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|                                   |               | 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 withdrawn.   | FGP  | Mar-25      | TC      | Jul-24                 |                |            |
| Dec-21                            |               | Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey.                 | Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.  | 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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| 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-26                 |                |            |
| Jul-22                            |               | Mooragh Park shelter public art.             | Mooragh Park shelters.  | An additional shelter completed in May 2025   | PL     | Jun-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/<br>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. Interested parties asked for update of their intent.  |        | Jul-25      | TC          | Dec-24                 |                |            |
| Jan-24                            |               | BMX track.                                   | Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course.   |   | PL     | Jun-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. This will now be after the by election.   | FGP    | May-25      | SB          | Sep-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 made to DFE Local Economy Fund.   | PL     | Jun-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                 |                |            |
| Sep-24                            | 24/25:128     | Sprintfest                                   | 2026 event to held using same format. Include in 2026/27 budget.  | Agreed in June 2025 to hold event on 2026   | PL     | Jun-25      | SB          | Jun-26                 |                |            |
| Sep-24                            | 24/25:148     | Station Road Car Park.                       | Installation of cooling units. Liaise with interested parties to resolve.   | Meeting with leaseholder during w/c 21 July 2025  | FGP/WD | Jul-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. Provision to be made against debt in 2025 accounts as part of NCAS accounting. | FGP    | Jul-25      | NC          | Oct-24                 |                |            |
| 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                 |                |            |

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| 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 £1,000<br>TA has prepared a report for the Board  | FGP    | Jun-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. Identifying suitable materials locations to illustrate   | WD     | Jun-25      | BW      | 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.<br>Reviewed not able to change at this moment  | WD     | May-25      | DF/BW   | Feb-25                 |                |            |
| Feb-25                            | 24/25:284     | Sprintfest Fan Zone and Vintage Club event | Attempt to obtain additional funding and enter into discussions with VMCC                 | View options for 2026   | PL     | Feb-25      | SB      | Jul-26                 |                |            |
| Mar-25                            | 24/25:302     | Policy ruinous Buildings                   | Policy to be formatted  | Draft Policy received reviewed, and amendments needed<br>Clarification sought from EHI inspectorate on application of different parts of various legislation.<br>Documentation sent to Policy Committee as requested<br>Second draft received - just need to review | 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                       | Survey to commence with Chamber of Commerce members   | FGP    | Jul-25      | SB      | Aug-25                 |                |            |
| Apr-25                            | 24/25:341     | New Commissioners "On Boarding             | Production of Handbook and Web Site Population  | Some photo's pending  | FGP    | Jun-25      | SB      | May-25                 |                |            |
| Apr-25                            | 24/25:342     | New Land Sculpture                         | "I Ramsey" sculpture  | Survey to be undertaken.  | PL     | May-25      | SB/AF   | Sep-25                 |                |            |
| Apr-25                            | 24/25:344     | Review of Recording of Minutes             | Establish a Decision Table  | Trailing Otter AI and format of table   | FGP    | Jun-25      | DF      | 01/09/2025             |                |            |
| 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      | Sep-25                 |                |            |
| May-25                            | 25/26:018     | By-election South Ward                     | Hold on 17th July. Move July Board Meeting to 23 July in the event of contested election  | Notice of Election on 5th June 2018   | FGP    | Jun-25      | SB      | Jul-25                 |                |            |
| May-25                            | 25/26:022     | Car Parking Residents' Rates               | Request to consider residents' rates  | Refer to policy Committee   | Policy | Jun-25      | DF      |                        |                |            |
| May-25                            | 25/26:023     | Hedges                                     | Problem overgrown hedge   | Action taken by property owner  | WD     | Jul-25      | BW      | Jul-25                 | Jul-25         |            |
| May-25                            | 25/26:025     | Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign                  | Options for Campaign agreed   | Being actioned  | WD     | Jul-25      | GK      | Aug-25                 |                |            |
| May-25                            | 25/26:031     | Family Library                             | Meeting to organised with LM and DLM with northern local authorities.                     | Meeting date to be set  | PL     | Jul-25      | SB      | Aug-25                 |                |            |
| Jun-25                            | 25/26:042     | Action Tracker Bus Services                | Concern at level of services TT week etc.   | Minister written to conveying concerning  | FGP    | Jul-25      | DF      | Jul-25                 | Jul-25         |            |
| Jun-25                            | 25/26:042     | Action Tracker Bags for Life               | Assess costs and purchase if acceptable   |   | PL     | Jul-25      | SB      | Aug-25                 |                |            |
| Jun-25                            | 25/26:048     | Leighney Field                             | Seek information from Ramsey AFC  | Ongoing correspondence between TC and Club  | PL     | Jul-25      | DF      | Jul-25                 |                |            |

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| Date started / Date of Resolution | Clause Number | Item                      | Current position                      | Last Action   | Area | Last Update | Officer | Target Completion Date | Date Completed | RAG Status |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------|-------------|---------|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Jun-25                            | 25/26:051     | Community Garden          | Site identified                       | Progress expressions of interest - advert placed    | PL   | Jul-25      | BW      | Jul-25                 |                |            |
| Jun-25                            | 25/26:055     | Redundant Telephone Kiosk | Pending installation of defibrillator | Liaison with League of Friends / Craigs Heart Start | FGP  | Jul-25      | SB      | Nov-25                 |                |            |

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL UPDATE  
JULY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In the above connection, the Local Government Amendment Bill has been progressing for some years. Early this year Mr. L. L. Hooper, M.H.K., successfully added a clause which could effectively compel local authorities to provide certain services.

The easiest example would be the provision of an amenity site. At present, the requirement is only a 'may'. If the clause succeeds, the DOI could mandate that all parishes provide this. The expectation at that stage would be they would then have to sort that amongst themselves. It might be argued this experiment has already been trialled, and the West, South and Northern sites have all had operating difficulties. In our case, the union fractured with the withdrawal of Bride.

Even if this had been an imposition, the chances are that significant administrative and local political bandwidth would be taken up trying to resolve local differences. Failure to do so may then lead to sanctions from the Department. In summary, there are vast unknowns with this clause, as the scenario based discussions have not been forthcoming.

**The bill moved to Legislative Council, and oral evidence was due to be presented on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025. However, after representations from a number of local authorities regarding sufficient time to prepare, this has now been moved to October, with written submissions to be made by 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

At Appendix A is a copy of the text sent to the Minister for Infrastructure on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025. For clarity, clause 2 did not proceed. Prior to that a letter was sent to each MLC on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which is copied at Appendix B.

A copy of the bill is available at;  
<https://www.legislation.gov.im/cms/images/LEGISLATION/BILLS/2023/2023-0003/2023-0003.pdf> the remainder being broadly uncontentious.

**A suggested form of words for our response is appended at C. Your approval of these or an amended version is accordingly sought.**

**D.C. Flint**  
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

20 June 2025

## **APPENDIX A – LETTER TO DOI MINISTER 17 APRIL 2025**

Dear Minister,

### **Concerns Regarding the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023**

In the above connection I write on the direction of my Board. This letter is to express serious concern over the handling and content of the proposed amendments to the Local Government Act, specifically New Clauses 1 and 2, as introduced by Mr Hooper MHK at the House of Keys sitting on 28 January 2025.

#### **Lack of Consultation and Democratic Process**

Local Authorities were only informed of the Bill's final reading on 23 January 2025, mere days before Storm Eowyn led to widespread office and school closures across the Island. This short notice, combined with the Department's assurance that only "relatively minor amendments" would be considered, proved to be both inaccurate and misleading. The new clauses proposed are far from minor — they represent fundamental, far-reaching changes to the operation, funding, and autonomy of local government.

We note your letter dated 5 March 2025, in which you state that these amendments were not Departmental but introduced independently by a political member. However, given that Mr Hooper is a member of the Department of Infrastructure and that all Departmental political members, including yourself, voted in favour of these major amendments, it is difficult to accept this distinction. The process followed has clearly circumvented the established government consultation principles outlined in GD2017/061.

Another concern is the potential confusion these changes would cause for the public. As responsibility for services is shifted and rate demands rise, residents will be unsure who is actually accountable. It undermines public trust in both levels of government if decisions are made centrally but delivered (and funded) locally. There is also the danger that unelected officials will effectively override elected local representatives — reducing transparency and public confidence in local democracy.

#### **Substantive Concerns with New Clauses**

**New Clause 1 (NC1)** grants sweeping powers to the Department, enabling it to mandate new functions and impose funding obligations on Local Authorities through regulation, regardless of local agreement. This is a centralising move that risks significantly undermining local democracy. It could shift the financial burden of centrally funded services onto ratepayers without proper consultation or accountability — a particularly troubling prospect given the outdated nature of the Island's rating system.

**New Clause 2 (NC2)**, previously rejected in the House of Keys as a private member's amendment, now appears to be repurposed by the Department. This raises serious procedural and legitimacy concerns. The clause allows the Department to impose sanctions where functions are not completed to its satisfaction, creating a threatening legislative environment that discourages participation in local government. In an era where fewer people are coming forward to stand for local office, the threat of sanctions, let alone personal liability, is the opposite of what is needed. It risks creating a climate of fear rather than cooperation and will dissuade good people from participating in public life.

This is compounded by the fact that an even more draconian clause proposing personal liability (NC3) was reportedly drafted, even if later dropped.

We acknowledge that the Department may have been motivated by specific operational challenges, such as those relating to the Northern Civic Amenity Site. However, the proposed legislation responds to that narrow issue with broad, indefinite powers that could be applied anywhere on the Island. This is not a proportionate or justified approach.

### **Implications for Governance, Finance, and Public Trust**

The potential consequences of these clauses include:

- Cost-shifting from central to local government, forcing rate increases without local consent.
- Unilateral imposition of responsibilities, undermining the principle of partnership.
- Financial exposure for joint boards, such as the Northern Swimming Pool Board, with little oversight or negotiation.
- Confusion and erosion of public trust, as service responsibilities blur and elected local representatives lose real authority.

These changes are not only technically flawed — they are fundamentally undemocratic. They represent a form of quiet local government reform without public mandate or transparent process.

### **Timing and Engagement Failures**

The timing of the six-week consultation on the Department's revised Clause 2 — issued one week before the Notice of Local Authority Elections — further demonstrates a failure to respect the principles of genuine engagement. Furthermore, it places both outgoing and incoming members at significant disadvantage. Section 2.3 of the Government's consultation guidance (GD2017/061) highlights the importance of accessibility, clarity, and democratic

participation, all of which have been compromised. Only delaying this consultation until after the elections would have allowed full, democratic engagement.

Local Authorities have long sought meaningful involvement in this legislative process. Since the original 2017 consultation, opportunities for engagement have been minimal, and major developments have repeatedly occurred without warning or dialogue — including in 2021, 2023, and again in January 2025.

### **Recommendations**

We urge the Department to:

1. **Withdraw New Clauses 1 and 2** from the Bill currently under consideration.
2. **Defer further legislative progress** until after the Local Authority elections on 24 April 2025.
3. **Commit to a full, transparent consultation** with newly elected Local Authority representatives on any proposed legislative changes.
4. **Adhere to the Council of Ministers' Consultation Principles** before any further steps are taken to amend primary legislation.

There are serious constitutional, operational, and financial implications if these clauses are pursued without proper engagement. We remain willing to work with the Department constructively on appropriate reforms — but these must be developed in partnership, not imposed.

Yours sincerely

Derek Flint

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

## **APPENDIX B – LETTER TO LEGCO MEMBERS 21 MARCH 2025**

### **Re: Local Government Amendment Act**

In the above connection, the matter of the Local Government Amendment Act was discussed at the Ramsey Town Commissioners' Board Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> March, last. I have been asked to write to each member of the Legislative Council.

Whilst there remain some positive aspects of the proposals, the matter of substantial concern is the contents of Clause 1. Ramsey has been very much immersed in the issues of the failure of the Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee, which was a responsibility passed to them in 2017. The matter has highlighted some of the risks and challenges around operating collaborative and necessary facilities where participation legally remains optional.

The concern of the Board is where does a more compelled imposition end? The ramifications are substantial and require a full consideration of what this may look like in action. For example, it may be an objective to compel a small Parish to provide library services. Perhaps a specification would be set for that library which the Parish could never hope to meet, but the local service town already has one to match.

What happens then? Would there be a nationally set tariff for the provision of library services or would the service town have carte blanche to set their own access charge, potentially reducing their own ratepayer's burden whilst increasing that in the adjacent parishes? How this will work without associated rate reform is unclear.

The idea of harmonising services across the island is, in principle, a positive aspiration, the current disparity in both rates and service provision makes this a difficult and potentially painful task. The lack of a cohesive plan or strategy to equalise costs and service levels means that any attempt to impose uniformity will likely create more disruption than benefit. Without addressing these foundational inequalities first, this approach risks being a retrograde step—one that imposes additional burdens on some local authorities while others remain largely unaffected. True harmonisation requires a structured and equitable framework, not an uneven and reactionary shift of responsibilities.

The aforementioned lack of meaningful rates reform is a key issue. The current rating system is not based on income, making it inherently unfair, as it places a disproportionate financial burden on ratepayers regardless of their ability to pay. This system has not kept pace with the changing demands on local authorities, creating an imbalance where additional responsibilities are being shifted from general taxation - where contributions are based on income, to local ratepayers without a corresponding adjustment in funding mechanisms. Before any further delegation of services occurs, a comprehensive review of the rating system is essential to ensure that costs are distributed fairly and sustainably. Without this, the continued transfer of duties risks placing an

undue burden on local ratepayers. This is particularly the case in smaller parishes with limited resources, exacerbating existing financial pressures and disparities between Local Authorities.

Further, Local Authorities will be unable to see what may be coming down the line to them in any subsequent year, restricting their ability to strategically plan more than 12 months in advance. As departmental budgets contract, there is likely to be a desire to offload further functions. History has shown this has come without any subsequent reduction in taxation or a subvention, and the consequence in most parishes has been an increase in rates.

To this end, the Board of Ramsey Town Commissioners ask the Legislative Council to consider this clause with the utmost caution. In its current draft it provides too broad a suite of options for the Department and too little protection for the Local Authorities. A full and detailed impact assessment is required before it progresses further.

Yours sincerely,

## APPENDIX 3 – DRAFT FORM OF WORDS FOR SUBMISSION TO LEGCO AHEAD OF OCTOBER

### **Introduction**

This submission is made on behalf of the Ramsey Town Commissioners to express significant concerns regarding Clause 1 of the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023. The clause, as currently drafted, poses serious implications for the operation, financing, planning capacity, and democratic legitimacy of local government across the Isle of Man.

While the broader legislative intent of harmonising services may be well-intended, Clause 1 empowers the Department to impose functions and funding obligations on Local Authorities by regulation. This centralising mechanism risks undermining local autonomy and imposes new burdens without the necessary financial reform or democratic accountability. Below are specific areas of concern:

#### **1. Lack of Proper Consultation and Due Process**

Local Authorities were informed of the Bill's final reading only days before its debate in the House of Keys. This occurred during a period of significant disruption caused by Storm Eowyn, with no opportunity for meaningful scrutiny or feedback. This approach contravenes the Isle of Man Government's own Consultation Principles (GD2017/061), particularly those concerning openness, accessibility, and sufficient time for responses.

Although the Department has since stated that Clause 1 was introduced by a political member and not officially part of its legislative programme, all departmental political members, including the Minister, voted in favour. This blurs the lines of accountability and leaves the impression that standard legislative and consultation safeguards have been bypassed.

#### **2. Undermining Local Democracy and Accountability**

Clause 1 allows the Department to unilaterally assign new duties to Local Authorities, regardless of their capacity or consent. This erodes the principle of local democracy and accountability. Elected representatives could find themselves mandated to deliver and fund services determined centrally, without any recourse or negotiation.

This arrangement risks confusing the public about who is responsible for service delivery, particularly when a centrally made decision must be delivered and paid for locally. It disconnects power from accountability, which undermines confidence in both central and local government.

### **3. Financial Burden Without Structural Reform**

Clause 1 enables cost-shifting from central government to Local Authorities, placing additional strain on the outdated and inequitable local rating system. The Island's rating structure is not income-based and does not reflect residents' ability to pay. This makes any additional obligations imposed under Clause 1 financially regressive, especially in smaller or less affluent parishes.

Without concurrent rating reform, Clause 1 creates a risk of significant rate increases at local level, driven not by community demand but by central mandate. This was evident in the failure of the Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee, where voluntary cooperation collapsed under financial pressure. Ironically, it can be imagined that civic amenity sites would be one of the first functions to be imposed.

### **5. Risk of Service Inequity and Planning Instability**

The potential for the Department to impose service responsibilities without a fair and standardised funding mechanism opens the door to unequal service access across the Island. For example, should one authority be compelled to deliver a library service to surrounding areas, how would costs be equitably recovered? Would a nationally set tariff be introduced, or could the service provider dictate access charges, increasing their neighbour's rates while reducing their own?

Without a defined framework for rate equalisation or resource pooling, Clause 1 could inadvertently exacerbate service and cost disparities rather than resolve them.

Moreover, the open-ended nature of Clause 1 creates uncertainty in local authority planning. Without knowing what additional responsibilities may be imposed in future years, Local Authorities will be unable to formulate sustainable long-term strategies. This reactive environment is contrary to good governance.

### **5. Disproportionate and Unbalanced Legislative Design**

Although it appears that Clause 1 may have been prompted by specific operational difficulties, its scope goes far beyond addressing isolated problems. It enables wide-reaching delegation of central functions with few safeguards. This imbalance — granting broad power to the Department with minimal protections for Local Authorities — creates the potential for misuse and undermines the spirit of local partnership.

There is no accompanying impact assessment, strategy for implementation, or rate reform proposal to balance these sweeping changes. As such, the clause is premature, ill-defined, and potentially damaging in its current form.

## **Recommendations**

Ramsey Town Commissioners respectfully urge that:

Clause 1 be withdrawn from the current Bill and not progressed further in its present form.

A full, independent impact assessment be undertaken to understand the implications for local governance, finance, and service delivery.

A strategic framework for service harmonisation and funding reform be developed in partnership with Local Authorities, before any future legislative changes.

Any new powers affecting Local Authorities should be subject to statutory consultation and clear criteria for use, in accordance with GD2017/061.

## **Conclusion**

Clause 1, as drafted, threatens to centralise power without corresponding democratic safeguards or financial fairness. It risks undermining local democracy, placing unsustainable burdens on ratepayers, and fostering confusion over accountability. Ramsey Town Commissioners do not oppose reform, but it must be approached with transparency, equity, and partnership.

We remain committed to constructive engagement with the Department and Members of Tynwald, but urge extreme caution in proceeding with Clause 1 without significant revision and consultation.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BILL  
JULY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

***Environmental Protection Bill Consultation – Waste Management Implications***

The Isle of Man Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture (DEFA) launched this consultation on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 with a closing date of 7 August 2025. Their intention is to compile and report on the results by mid-October 2025. Briefly, the intention is to introduce primary legislation (“the Bill”) that enables new secondary regulations aligning with international and UK standards covering marine and terrestrial pollution protection

The Core Objectives of the Bill are as follows:

- Adopt internationally recognized environmental standards
- Introduce modern, proportionate regulation across air, land, water, waste, and industrial emissions, in line with UK practice.
- Regulate offshore energy development (including wind farms)
- Require planning, pollution prevention, monitoring, mapping of chemical use, safe decommissioning, and habitat protection .
- Update water pollution law
- Amend Part 2 of the Water Pollution Act 1993 to comply with OSPAR and the London Protocol, controlling discharges and emerging contaminants.
- Embed the “Polluter Pays” principle
- Ensure those causing environmental damage foot the bill for cleanup and restoration.

***Scope & Legal Alignment***

The bill Regulates industrial activities on land and in Manx waters and helps comply with a multitude of International obligations and enables secondary regulation based on UK frameworks, scaled to Manx context and risk profile

The Consultation Questions Focus On:

- Aligning with UK regulation.
- Strengthening waste/recycling standards (waste hierarchy).
- Defining and regulating landfill operations.
- Applying industrial permits and BAT (Best Available Techniques).
- Offshore chemical controls, habitat impact mitigation, and emergency response planning.
- Mandating decommissioning and restoration plans.
- Supporting actions with monitoring, pollutant liability, and remediation funding mechanisms.

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Protection Bill - July 2025 – Public Continued:**

Public and stakeholder feedback is actively sought via an online survey. However, for the commission, it is suggested that written feedback may be provided, especially on locally sensitive issues such as marine habitat protection near Ramsey. further, there are potentially other implications around waste management these include:

- Introduction of a mandatory waste hierarchy (prevention, reuse, recycling, recovery, disposal).
- New permitting requirements for waste operations, potentially including civic amenity and transfer stations.
- Tightened regulation of landfill operations.
- Potential introduction of local recycling targets and reporting obligations.
- Future implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes.

These may lead to:

- Increased compliance and monitoring responsibilities.
- Budgetary impacts from new regulatory requirements.
- Need for staff training and operational adjustments.
- Possible infrastructure investments or partnerships.
- Need for enhanced public engagement and communication.

Objectives 1 and 3 in the attached consultation document are likely most impactful. Although the questions are high-level, there is a risk they will decant down and place further rate-borne responsibilities on the Commission.

### ***Consultation Deadline***

Responses to the consultation must be submitted by 7 August 2025. DEFA expects to review submissions and prepare draft secondary legislation later in the year.

### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board:

- a) Notes the proposed changes and likely implications for local waste management.
- b) Considers submitting a formal response to the consultation highlighting resource and operational impacts.
- c) Authorizes a review of existing waste practices and readiness for future regulatory change.
- d) Seeks dialogue with DEFA and other local authorities on coordinated responses and support needs.
- e) Should individual members wish to, respond personally in addition.

17<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

D.C. Flint  
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
RAMSEY ROCKS -FOOD VENDORS  
JULY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In accordance with the Ramsey Town Commissioners Events Concessions Policy a process was run to seek vendors for Ramsey Rocks which is being staged on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Two responses were received by the close of applications.

Company A – will offer “ *Mac'N'Cheese" with a variety of toppings, plus the toppings themselves on rolls for those who don't like mac'n'cheese! Also hot and cold drinks.*” This company has not operated at events in Ramsey previously

Company B – will offer “*Smash burgers hot dogs loaded fries*”. This is a Ramsey based company, operating a hospitality business in the town and has attended an event previously.

Both of these operators would complement that which is available within the Town Centre on a Sunday afternoon/evening.

Feedback from previous Ramsey Rocks has indicated that those attending the event feel that the event would benefit from more options for something to eat/drink. It is against this background that members are asked to consider whether they would wish to appoint both companies to service Ramsey Rocks 2025.

**Recommendation:** for discussion.

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

15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
STREET TRADERS – RUMBLIN TUM  
JULY 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Dave Cortlett, owner of Rumblin Tum, have written to the Commission seeking a Street Traders licence to operate a mobile “chippy”.

This established operator is seeking to operate between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. This would initially be operated on the last Sunday of each month. In the request the company has indicated that it wishes to operate at this time as neither of the existing chip shops are generally open on a Sunday.

The initial request is to operate from Market Place Car Park or other suitable area.

The Commission does not have a formal Street Traders policy and considers each request individually.

**Recommendation:** for discussion.

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

15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

**Accounts**

Accounts of £2,087,858.05 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £28,191.00 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in June 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> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 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:

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| LED street lighting replacement programme                     | £73,594 |
| Cronk Elfin refurbishment – retentions & consultancy payments | £18,913 |
| Upper Queen's Pier Road refurbishment – on-going prof. fees   | £12,655 |
| Close Woirrey demolition & site clearance                     | £14,532 |

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

**Rates**

During June 2025 £373,855 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2025-26 financial year (for comparison £359,184 was received in June 2024).

This is the second instalment for the 2025-26 financial year with further instalments due in August and then later in the financial year.

At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 the total rates received re the 2025-26 financial year was £747,710 (for comparison £718,368 was received by the end of June 2024 for the 2024-25 financial year).

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer

# Ramsey Town Commissioners

## Accounts paid during June 2025

## Appendix 1

| Payee                                | Description  | Amount (incl. VAT) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>General Account</b>               |  | <b>£</b>           |
| IOM Government                       | 2025-26 rates                                      | 633,086.28         |
| Banks                                | Capital loan - capital repayments                  | 508,025.07         |
| Banks                                | Capital loan - interest repayments                 | 374,945.51         |
| Staff                                | Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation         | 240,229.86         |
| Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.           | LED street lighting replacement programme          | 88,312.46          |
| IOM Government                       | Waste disposal at Energy from Waste Plant          | 83,539.03          |
| Various                              | Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks   | 48,029.59          |
| Various                              | Commission property repair, maint. & safety checks | 14,832.64          |
| Various                              | Tree survey & surgery                              | 11,771.00          |
| Manx Utilities                       | Water rates & electricity supply                   | 11,677.83          |
| Various                              | Town events  | 11,290.59          |
| Various                              | Purchase & delivery of new wheelie bins            | 8,690.19           |
| Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.              | Fuel & heating oil                                 | 7,005.88           |
| Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd            | Street lighting repair & maintenance               | 5,846.44           |
| Various                              | IT costs   | 5,199.74           |
| Various                              | Library books, materials & IT licences             | 5,117.95           |
| Various                              | Legal & consultancy fees - Housing                 | 4,327.50           |
| Swept Clean Road Sweeping Serv. Ltd. | Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire                      | 4,224.00           |
| Various                              | Staff training                                     | 4,082.00           |
| Various                              | Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.  | 2,728.13           |
| 2 Clean                              | Toilet cleaning contract                           | 2,664.87           |
| Various                              | Phones   | 2,573.28           |
| Various                              | Election costs                                     | 2,343.82           |
| Banks                                | Bank & debit card charges                          | 1,786.72           |
| Various                              | Refuse materials & equipment                       | 1,294.76           |
| Various                              | Vehicles maintenance & servicing                   | 879.76             |
| Various                              | Rent refunds & transfers                           | 728.58             |
| Various                              | Security & safety                                  | 679.54             |
| IOM Newspapers Ltd.                  | Advertising  | 666.90             |
| Various                              | Park materials                                     | 643.44             |
| RTC                                  | Petty cash   | 544.69             |
| Various                              | Gift vouchers                                      | 90.00              |
|                                      |  | 2,087,858.05       |

### **Northern Civic Amenity Site**

|                    |                             |           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| IOM Government     | Waste disposal at EFW Plant | 16,734.92 |
| Various            | Skip haulage                | 5,578.02  |
| Various            | Recycling charges           | 5,122.38  |
| Manx Utilities     | Heat & light                | 531.85    |
| Worldpay (UK) Ltd. | Debit card reader charge    | 108.11    |
| Manx Telecom Ltd.  | Phone                       | 86.87     |
| Bank               | Charges                     | 23.53     |
| Various            | Printing & stationery       | 5.32      |
|                    |                             | 28,191.00 |

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during June 2025

### Appendix 1

|   |     |  |     |
|---|-----|--|-----|
| Access UK Ltd.                          | UK  | Manx Roots Ltd.                                  | IOM |
| Argon Business Systems Ltd.             | IOM | Manx Telecom Ltd.                                | IOM |
| Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.    | UK  | Manx Utilities                                   | IOM |
| Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.  | IOM | Marksmann Locksmith                              | IOM |
| BB Consulting Engineers Ltd.            | IOM | Martin & Watson Ltd.                             | IOM |
| BHW Print Group Ltd.                    | IOM | McGarrigle Architects Ltd.                       | IOM |
| Brady Corp. Ltd.                        | UK  | MC Locksmith Services Ltd.                       | IOM |
| Brew & Corkill Ltd.                     | IOM | MC2 Consulting Ltd.                              | IOM |
| Brunel Engraving Co. Ltd.               | UK  | Neil Elder                                       | IOM |
| C E Richmond Ltd.                       | IOM | Northern Fuels Ltd.                              | IOM |
| Cleervu Areila Specialists Ltd.         | IOM | Paul Wheeler Ltd.                                | IOM |
| Crossroads Manx Workshop                | IOM | P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.                       | IOM |
| CuPlas Callow IOM Ltd.                  | IOM | Pegasus Safety Consulting Ltd.                   | IOM |
| Daves Doors & Gate Automation           | IOM | Phoenix Windows Ltd.                             | IOM |
| David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd. | IOM | Prospero Facilities Services Ltd.                | IOM |
| Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.           | IOM | Ramsey Garden Centre                             | IOM |
| Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.              | UK  | Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.                    | IOM |
| Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.                 | IOM | Ramsey Skips                                     | IOM |
| Energy Communications Ltd.              | IOM | Sadler Agricultural Supplies Ltd.                | IOM |
| Event Lighting Services Group Ltd.      | IOM | Screwfix Direct Ltd.                             | UK  |
| Exceed Business Services Ltd.           | IOM | Splash Pads Enterprises Ltd.                     | UK  |
| G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.         | IOM | SSI Schaefer Plastics UK Ltd.                    | UK  |
| Glaister.net Ltd.                       | IOM | Stark Building Materials Ltd. (formerly Jewsons) | IOM |
| Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.               | IOM | Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.               | IOM |
| Howdens Joinery Ltd.                    | IOM | Sure IOM Ltd.                                    | IOM |
| IOM Government                          | IOM | Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.          | IOM |
| IOM Newspapers Ltd.                     | IOM | 2 Clean  | IOM |
| IOM Post Office                         | IOM | Ulverscroft Ltd.                                 | UK  |
| IS Oxford Ltd.                          | UK  | Vanguard Security                                | IOM |
| J Wood Tree & Gardening Servs. Ltd.     | IOM | Vannin Officepoint Ltd.                          | IOM |
| Logistics UK                            | UK  | Voodoo Limited                                   | IOM |
| Logy on Fire                            | UK  | WCF Ltd. t/a Progreen                            | UK  |
| Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.               | IOM | Whittaker Trading Ltd.                           | IOM |
| Manx Business Solutions Ltd.            | IOM | Words & Spaces Printing Ltd.                     | IOM |
| Manx Independent Carriers Ltd.          | IOM | Worldpay (UK) Ltd.                               | UK  |

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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             | 1,677,864         | 1,616,671         | 61,193                 | 4,767,064            | 5,193,041          | (425,977)              |
| Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass | 90                | 0                 | 90                     | 486                  | 0                  | 486                    |
| Brookfield Court            | 3,471             | 4                 | 3,467                  | 22,954               | 17,091             | 5,863                  |
| Close ny Mooragh            | 11,033            | 83                | 10,950                 | 53,755               | 43,023             | 10,732                 |
| <b>Sub Total</b>            | <b>£1,692,458</b> | <b>£1,616,758</b> | <b>£75,700</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                       | 70,225          | 17,409         | 52,816                 | 297,764         | 28,716          | 269,048                |
| Workshops                       | 22,343          | 0              | 22,343                 | 128,554         | 0               | 128,554                |
| Public Conveniences             | 12,651          | 0              | 12,651                 | 64,466          | 0               | 64,466                 |
| Courthouse - loan repayment     | 14,800          | 0              | 14,800                 | 14,800          | 0               | 14,800                 |
| Courthouse - maint., H & L etc. | 1,722           | 0              | 1,722                  | 7,251           | 0               | 7,251                  |
| Mansail Lease                   | 3,469           | 2,500          | 969                    | 5,692           | 13,257          | (7,565)                |
| Lakeside Centre                 | 2,573           | 4,645          | (2,072)                | 5,523           | 12,600          | (7,077)                |
| Parklands Day Nursery           | 754             | 4,465          | (3,711)                | 4,540           | 20,733          | (16,193)               |
| Bowling Alley                   | 0               | 3,750          | (3,750)                | 5,613           | 15,000          | (9,387)                |
| Non-Lease Properties            | 805             | 0              | 805                    | 10,293          | 0               | 10,293                 |
| Prom shelters, benches, signs   | 10,826          | 4,183          | 6,643                  | 41,572          | 0               | 41,572                 |
| Private Property Repairs        | 27              | 11,755         | (11,728)               | 20,500          | 0               | 20,500                 |
| CCTV town centre                | 554             | 0              | 554                    | 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.      | 4,308           | 2,513          | 1,795                  | 20,600          | 22,660          | (2,060)                |
| Park assets                     | 23,356          | 0              | 23,356                 | 97,866          | 0               | 97,866                 |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                | <b>£168,413</b> | <b>£51,220</b> | <b>£117,193</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             | 905             | 0              | 905                    | 4,339             | 0               | 4,339                  |
| Car Parks                      | 5,182           | 15,978         | (10,796)               | 27,566            | 29,827          | (2,261)                |
| Refuse Removal                 | 205,148         | 33,484         | 171,664                | 921,734           | 175,701         | 746,033                |
| Civic Amenity contribution     | 0               | 0              | 0                      | 255,948           | 0               | 255,948                |
| Sewers & Pumps                 | 26,008          | 26,008         | 0                      | 103,978           | 103,978         | 0                      |
| Street lighting & maint.       | 48,909          | 0              | 48,909                 | 288,268           | 0               | 288,268                |
| Decorative maint.              | 242             | 0              | 242                    | 10,940            | 0               | 10,940                 |
| Decorative lighting new items  | 0               | 0              | 0                      | 50,000            | 0               | 50,000                 |
| Local Services                 | 125,244         | 0              | 125,244                | 292,554           | 0               | 292,554                |
| <b>Sub Total</b>               | <b>£411,638</b> | <b>£75,470</b> | <b>£336,168</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       | 25,935          | 4,117         | 21,818                 | 62,997          | 12,500         | 50,497                 |
| Parks & Gardens            | 86,425          | 0             | 86,425                 | 339,262         | 4              | 339,258                |
| Games Concessions          | 19              | 0             | 19                     | 546             | 0              | 546                    |
| Public Library             | 44,155          | 2,086         | 42,069                 | 170,103         | 9,616          | 160,487                |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>£156,534</b> | <b>£6,203</b> | <b>£150,331</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                        | 11,319          | 0              | 11,319                 | 128,909           | 0               | 128,909                |
| Office Expenses                       | 211,441         | 14,910         | 196,531                | 848,073           | 120,803         | 727,270                |
| Sundry Expenses                       | 4,905           | 0              | 4,905                  | 10,117            | 0               | 10,117                 |
| Miscellaneous                         | 5,948           | 6,590          | (642)                  | 71,295            | 41,563          | 29,732                 |
| Swimming Pool                         | 9,060           | 0              | 9,060                  | 47,451            | 0               | 47,451                 |
| Town Band                             | 0               | 0              | 0                      | 2,000             | 0               | 2,000                  |
| Town Centre Management                | 6,384           | 44             | 6,340                  | 66                | 102             | (36)                   |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                      | <b>£249,057</b> | <b>£21,544</b> | <b>£227,513</b>        | <b>£1,107,911</b> | <b>£162,468</b> | <b>£945,443</b>        |

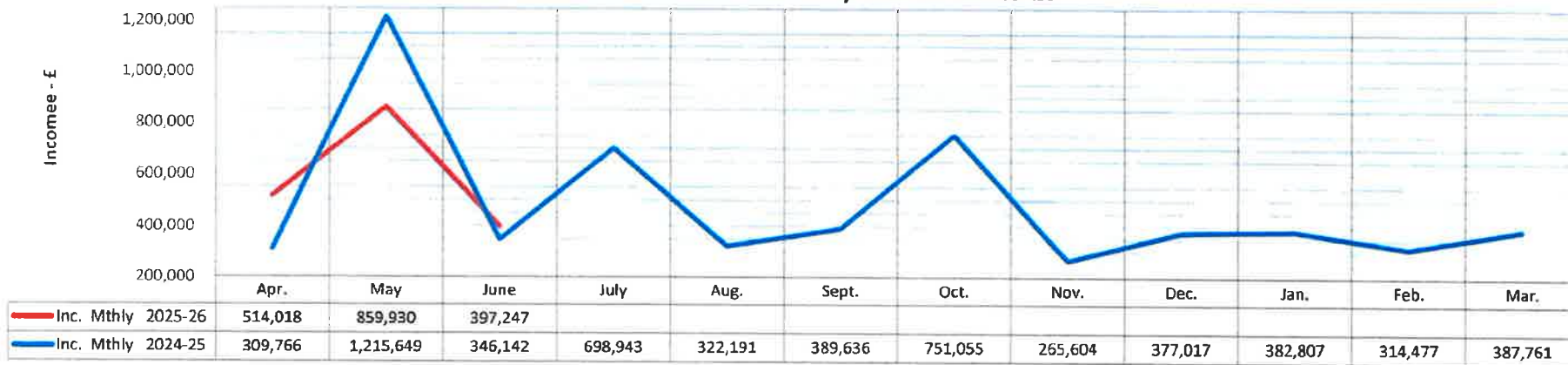
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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>£2,678,100</b> | <b>£1,771,195</b> | <b>£958,125</b> | <b>£ 9,224,516</b> | <b>£ 5,860,215</b> | <b>£ 3,364,301</b> |
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|                   |            |                 |                   |            |                    |                     |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Town rates</b> | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£989,442</b> | <b>(£989,442)</b> | <b>£ -</b> | <b>£ 3,635,908</b> | <b>(£3,635,908)</b> |
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# **RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS** **SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

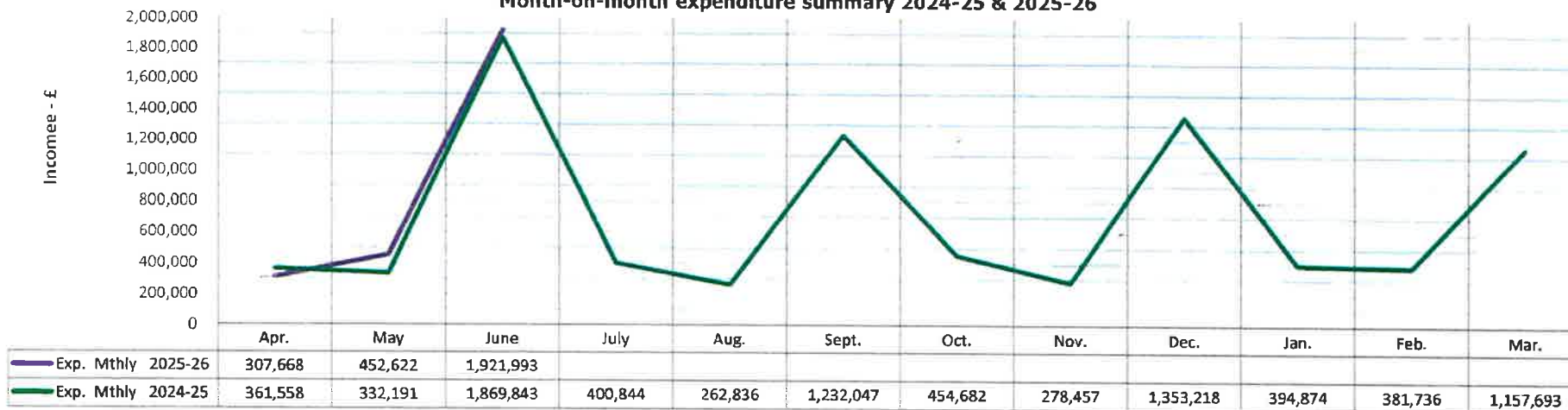
Appendix 2

**Ramsey Town Commissioners**  
**Month-on-month income summary 2024-25 & 2025-26**



|              | Apr.    | May       | June      | July      | Aug.      | Sept.     | Oct.      | Nov.      | Dec.      | Jan.      | Feb.      | Mar.      | Budget    |
|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cum. 2025-26 | 514,018 | 1,373,948 | 1,771,195 | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 5,860,215 |
| Cum. 2024-25 | 309,766 | 1,525,415 | 1,871,557 | 2,570,500 | 2,892,691 | 3,282,327 | 4,033,382 | 4,298,986 | 4,676,003 | 5,058,810 | 5,373,287 | 5,761,048 | 5,693,191 |

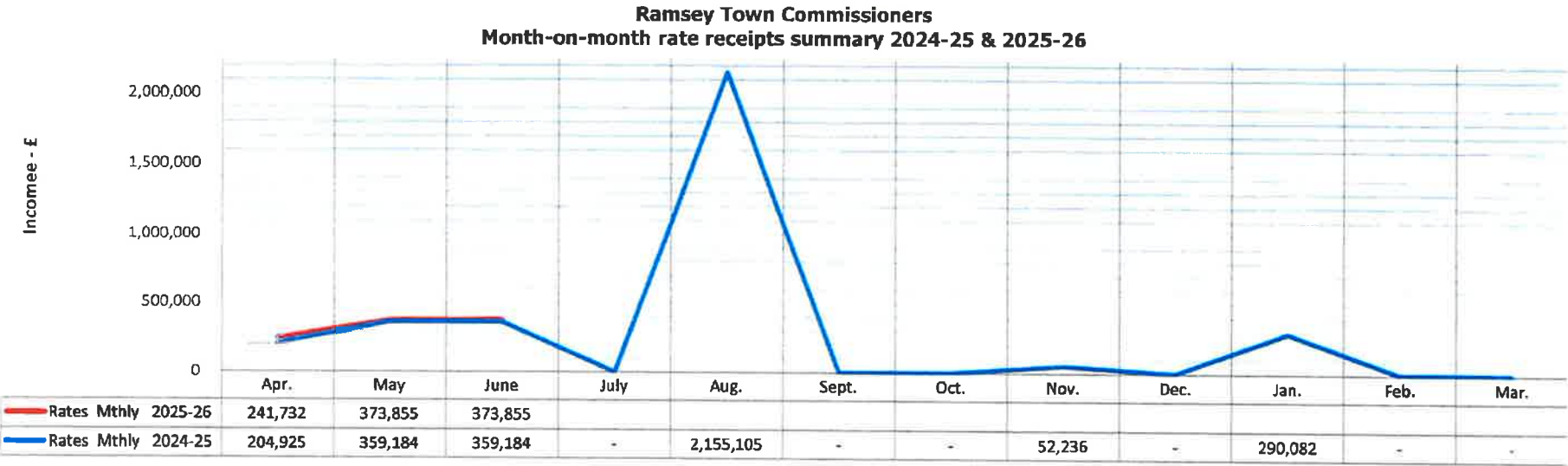
**Ramsey Town Commissioners**  
**Month-on-month expenditure summary 2024-25 & 2025-26**



|              | Apr.    | May     | June      | July      | Aug.      | Sept.     | Oct.      | Nov.      | Dec.      | Jan.      | Feb.      | Mar.      | Budget    |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cum. 2025-26 | 307,668 | 760,290 | 2,682,283 | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 9,224,516 |
| Cum. 2024-25 | 361,558 | 693,749 | 2,563,592 | 2,964,436 | 3,227,272 | 4,459,319 | 4,914,001 | 5,192,458 | 6,545,676 | 6,940,550 | 7,322,286 | 8,479,979 | 9,377,281 |

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

**Appendix 2**



|              | Apr.    | May     | June    | July    | Aug.      | Sept.     | Oct.      | Nov.      | Dec.      | Jan.      | Feb.      | Mar.      | Budget    |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cum. 2025-26 | 241,732 | 615,587 | 989,442 | -       | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 3,635,908 |
| Cum. 2024-25 | 204,925 | 564,109 | 923,293 | 923,293 | 3,078,398 | 3,078,398 | 3,078,398 | 3,130,634 | 3,130,634 | 3,420,716 | 3,420,716 | 3,420,716 | 3,513,954 |

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
ROYAL PARK PHASE 2  
JULY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In the above connection an agreement under Section 13 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 was signed by the Commission. Briefly, this involves the taking over of designated public open spaces by the Commission from developers, for us to maintain in perpetuity.

The matters on this site have been in hand for some time, but a recent approach was made by Hartford Homes to further the transfer. To this end I met on site with Hartford representatives, and our Works supervisors to examine the situation as it stands.

Briefly, there are still significant matters outstanding, including but not limited to failing grassed areas, dead trees, areas where chippings are proximate to grassed areas curtailing the use of large mowers and 'sod bank' areas which are undressed and will require remedial attention.

Accordingly I have indicated to the Developer that we will not take these on until we are satisfied they are of a sufficient standard and will not incur rate-borne expense to correct. Although Hartford are keen to begin the conveyancing process to have it 'in-hand' at a handover point, I am reluctant to do so as we have other matters outstanding with them and also the impending work to be commenced on the Vollan Fields.

In that latter connection, we have discussed taking a much more communicative and collaborative approach as the site is being laid down, which should ensure satisfactory materials and standards are installed first time.

**This report is submitted for information of the Board as an update**

**D C FLINT**  
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JULY, 2025 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following application has been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The application is listed for consideration subject to comments where appended. Hyperlinks are provided on the P.A. No. to link to the plans which are available on the IOM Government website.

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

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| P.A. NO.: | <u>25/90627/B</u>   |
| PROPOSED: | Replacement of roof tiles, removal of chimney stack, replacement of spar dash with smooth render, alteration to 1st floor window, replacement of front and garage doors and installation of roof lights to both roof slopes |
| NOTES:    | P.A. in Detail  |
| SITE:     | <b>2, Killeaba Mount, Ramsey</b>  |

B. Wallace,  
Technical Services Manager

14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**STANDING IN THE NAME OF MR. J. MCGUINNESS**  
**JULY 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, is submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness:-

**Notice of Motion – Social Housing:**

“Central Government has, over the past three years, announced a Housing Board, commissioned multiple consultant studies, and floated the concept of a new Housing Agency but has yet to publish any timetable, targets or material review of the funding model for local-authority and central social housing. In the meantime demand for public-sector accommodation in Ramsey continues to rise and the profile of applicants has shifted toward smaller, single-occupancy units.

In the absence of a clear national roadmap, Ramsey Town Commissioners have a duty to give tenants and applicants certainty about how our own housing stock will be refurbished, expanded and funded. A time-bounded Strateg, publicly available and reviewed each year alongside the budget, will set concrete goals over the next 5, 10 and 25 years. Allow transparent measurement of progress. Align investment decisions with the authority’s long-term financial planning. Demonstrate leadership while national policy remains in flux.

I therefore submit the following motion in my name;

That this Board, recognising the present lack of firm direction from central Government on social-housing delivery, resolves—

1. To agree in principle to the preparation of a formalised publicly available Ramsey Housing Strategy covering all Ramsey Town Commissioners-owned public-sector housing, setting clear refurbishment and new build objectives over five, ten and twenty five year horizons.
2. To instruct the Lead Member for Housing, working with the Housing & Properties Manager, to present a complete draft Strategy to the Board no later than the December 2025 meeting.
3. To require an annual progress report each December/January, aligned with the authority’s budget-setting cycle, tracking delivery against the Strategy’s targets.
4. To publish the final Strategy and subsequent progress reports on the Commissioners’ website and make them available for public inspection at the Town Hall.”

**Notice of Motion – Standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness  
Social Housing – July 2025 Public Continued:**

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.

July, 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF MOTION  
STANDING IN THE NAME OF MR. J. MCGUINNESS  
JULY 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion dated 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, is submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness:-

**Notice of Motion – Ramsey Art Trail Initiative:**

**“Executive Summary**

This proposal sets out plans for the creation of a public art trail in Ramsey. The initiative aims to highlight existing street and public artworks in the town through an interactive walking trail, using QR codes to engage both residents and visitors. The route will be designed to link the popular Mooragh Park recreational area with the town centre, encouraging movement between these key public spaces through the discovery of Ramsey’s cultural assets.

The trail is intended to boost footfall in the town centre, celebrate local creativity, and contribute to Ramsey’s cultural identity.

**Objectives**

The key objectives of the Ramsey Art Trail Initiative are:

- To increase foot traffic in Ramsey town centre.
- To connect Mooragh Park with the town centre through a cultural walking route.
- To promote and celebrate the work of local artists.
- To encourage residents and visitors to explore the town’s public spaces.
- To foster a stronger sense of civic pride and community engagement.

**Proposed Approach**

The Ramsey Art Trail will be curated as a self-guided experience, incorporating existing public and street art installations. QR codes will be discreetly placed near each featured piece. When scanned, each code will direct the user to a dedicated webpage or digital platform containing:

- Information about the artwork and the artist.
- A clue or interactive element guiding participants to the next location.
- Optional multimedia content such as audio commentary or short video clips.

This format allows for flexibility in design and the potential for future expansion. There is also a possibility that this could be migrated into a more sophisticated technological offering

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notice of Motion – Standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness</b><br/><b>July, 2025 – Public Continued</b></p> |
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The map can also be printed and hard copies held in the Town Library should people not be able to use mobile phones.

### **Benefits and Impact**

The initiative offers multiple benefits:

- Cultural enrichment: Showcasing the artistic value already present in the town.
- Economic support: Drawing footfall to local businesses, particularly in the town centre.
- Tourism appeal: Providing a distinctive and shareable experience for visitors.
- Connectivity: Creating a purposeful route between the leisure-focused Mooragh Park and the retail and commercial heart of Ramsey.

Importantly, the project can be initiated with minimal cost, using QR code generation tools and existing web infrastructure.

### **Next Steps**

Based on the above detail, my proposal is;

1. The board of Ramsey Town Commissioners agree to the principle of creating a public art trail in the town to celebrate and highlight our public art.
2. To create an audit list of all existing public artworks and collate information on the artist and art work for each piece of public art.
3. Design and produce QR Code signage.
4. Explore opportunity to obtain funding from DfE for this project, taking into consideration the opportunities to expand the interactive technological possibilities of this trail.”

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July, 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF MOTION  
STANDING IN THE NAME OF MRS. P. JOHNS-GARRETT  
JULY 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, is submitted in the name of Mrs. P. Johns-Garrett:

**“Ramsey Town Commissioners re-evaluate the current position regarding the re-use site with a view to facilitating its reopening for use.”**

The reuse shed at the NCAS was closed in 2024, by the previous committee, citing cost reduction grounds but providing no evidence of this.

Following amendments to Government waste management regulations in January 2025, the building has been repurposed to store waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

Since the closure, Ramsey residents have consistently called for the Re- Use shed at Balladoole to be reinstated, citing environmental, social-value, waste reduction and cost reduction benefits.”

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10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.