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15th June, 2023.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday evening next, 21st June, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Rev Canon N. D. Greenwood

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- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness viz:-
 - Dated 15th June, 2023 - Telephone Box Courthouse Grounds

10. Any other Business: page(s):
(by permission of Chairman)

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



T. R. K. Cowin,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 17th May, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham, Miss L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, R. D. Cowell (remotely), S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Rev'd Canon Greenwood and Mr. F. B. R Williams.

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

(2023/24:015) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 19th April, 2023, and the Annual Meeting held on 2nd May, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Clause 427 (19.04) ...Ramsey Sprint and Sprintfest – Mr. McGuinness queried why comments made by Mr. Cowell about Sprintfest had not been recorded within the Minutes and requested that the minutes be amended to reflect Mr. Cowell's stated objection to the road closure proposals, his having met with officers and his having received advice from officers. -

(2023/24.016:) Matters Arising:

Mr. McGuinness referred to the proposal to amend parking charges at Ronaldsway Airport which were being further considered. He proposed that should the outcome of further consideration be made known, before the June, 2023, meeting of the Board, and such reconsideration impose a shorter free parking time than one hour, the Commission reiterate their objections. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:017) Action Tracker May, 2023:

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 10th May, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

(2023/24:017) Action Tracker May, 2023 Continued:

Bus Services - Mr. McGuinness referred to the pending removal of the item and, following his proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed, the matter will remain on the Action Tracker and the Commission will write again to attempt to achieve an improved bus service.

Adoption of Land Auldyn Walk – Mr. Parker asked how far off the playground was from completion. The Town Clerk informed members that he understood that there were still some works to be undertaken, but he anticipated these could be completed within 2 or 3 weeks.

Ramsey Bags for Life – Mr. Singer asked about the new bags for life – Mr. McGuinness was able to show the new design, which in addition to the original design will be available from the public library at a cost of £5 per bag.

(2023/24:018) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 10th May, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

2. Solar Panels -Miss Craine queried the availability of grant support – the Town Clerk informed members that he has been informed that grant is available but no process has been defined as to how a claim from a local authority can be considered – he has put that question to the Department of Infrastructure.

12. South Promenade Changing Facility – Mr. McGuinness queried the time factor in the provision of the changing facility. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he was awaiting confirmation from the Planning Committee, after which he will have a clearer idea; it is understood that the planners are supportive of the principle of the provision of changing facilities, subject to caveats.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:019) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 10th May, 2023, subject to the following:-

Accounts – the Finance Officer provided further information with regard to several of the payments listed within appendix 1.

Rates – the Finance Officer commented that the figures reflected some progress in rate debt recovery.

Mr. McGuinness referred to staffing costs for other bodies and queried what costs are recovered. Members were informed that all costs are charged in respect of the CA site and that administration costs are charged to Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee. Mr. McGuinness queried pension costs for the Housing Committee – members were informed that these were not charged but would be.

(2023/24:019) Finance Officer’s General Report Continued:

Mr. Singer queried the cost for the provision of scaffolding. Members were informed that any scaffolding is hired on a pre-agreed contract and no additional costs are incurred.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:020) Town Clerk’s Report – Fast Charger Station Road Car Park:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 21st April, 2023, advising of the request made by Manx Utilities Authority to replace the electric vehicle charge point in Station Road Car Park with a fast charge unit, or to site the charger at an alternative location. Members queried whether or not it would be more expensive to use a fast-charging unit and why the authority was not expanding use of general chargers. Concern was also expressed about the loss of parking spaces.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed, the MUA be informed of the Commissioners support of the provision of a fast charger point at Station Road Car Park but enquiry be made as to why the authority is not expanding use of other chargers.

(2023/24:021) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 9th May, 2023, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

REF NO:	4069
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00446/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Variation of condition 1 of PA21/00232/B (Original application PA18/01234/B) for the approval in principle for the erection of a four storey apartment block, to extend the period of approval for a further 2 years
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	21 - 22, West Quay, Ramsey

It was proposed by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed by 8 votes to 2, Messrs’ Cowell and McGuinness voting against, that the Commission object to a further extension being granted and the applicant be instructed by the Planning Committee to submit a detailed application and indicate a construction time with completion date.

Miss Craine queried the process if the applicant was not granted an extension. The Technical Services Manager informed members that a fresh application could be submitted which would further delay any proposals to develop the site.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:022) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Housing Performance and Statistics 2022/2023:

Resolved: To note and approve the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 10th May, 2023, to which was appended the Statistics for 2022/23 for the 4th Quarter, namely to 31st March, 2023.

The Lead Member took the opportunity to refer to rent arrears and to remind any tenant struggling with rental payments for whatever reason to contact officers. Mr. Parker also expressed his thanks and congratulations to the Housing staff, especially those involved with repairs and maintenance.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:023) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – British Enduro:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 10th May, 2023, concerning the request made by the Ramsey Motorcycle Club regarding a proposal to hold a stage of the British Enduro on 8th – 10th September, 2023,

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed logistical support be provided and the requests for road closures be progressed as detailed within the report. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members of his understanding that the Chamber of Commerce, at their meeting in February, 2023, were supportive of the event.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:024) Town Clerk’s Report – Wayleave Fibre Poles:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s tabled report dated 17th May, 2023, concerning the request made by Manx Telecom to vary the terms of a wayleave agreement approved in May 2022, by way of the inclusion of an additional pole to facilitate the installation of fibre cabling.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed, permission be granted.

2023/24:025) Sundry Matters:

025a) Sale of Ice Cream Mooragh Park – Mr. Kelly queried the sale of ice cream in the Mooragh Park for the imminent season. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the new tenant of the “Boathouse” Café will open in the next few days and it is their intention to sell ice cream; it is not “locked-into” the agreement with other catering tenant in the Park that they sell ice cream.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed that, subject to discussion with tenants, the Deputy Town Clerk be authorised to investigate the possibility of mobile vendors retailing ice cream in the park.

Mr. Cowell's remote connection broke down at 7.30 p.m. and he took no further part in the meeting.

025b) Steps leading to Foreshore – Mr. Kelly referred to the dangerous state of steps leading to the foreshore off the Queen's Promenade. The Town Clerk informed members that he had previously raised the matter with the Department of Infrastructure but would raise it again. Mr. Beighton informed members that it had been raised with the Minister at a meeting held on 9th May.

025c) South Beach: Mr. Young again drew attention to the condition of South Beach which he contended needs cleaning and clearing. The Technical Services Manager informed members that the Commission has been advised not to clean the beach at the present time because of nesting birds.

025d) Deckchairs at Courthouse: Mr. McGuinness asked when the deckchairs would be put out at the Courthouse. Mr. Oldham replied that he, on behalf of The Hub would be responsible for putting them out hopefully from the end of the week if ground conditions permit.

025e) Consultation removal of Coinage: The Town Clerk drew attention to a consultation with regard to the removal of low value coinage – 1p 2p and 5p from circulation and informed members that he would bring the matter to the June 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Singer felt there was no reason the matter could not be considered immediately and proposed the removal of coins be rejected, the action would result in increased prices and further that Government progress matters of greater priority. Mr. Young seconded the proposal. Mr. McGuinness felt he would like to read the consultation document to enable him to make an informed decision.

The proposal was put to the vote but failed by 7 votes to 2 – the proposer and seconder receiving no further support.

025f) Resurfacing Cumberland Road – the Town Clerk drew attention to the proposals of the Department of Infrastructure to resurface Cumberland Road. He informed members that pedestrian facilities be reviewed and improved as part of the works.

025g) Parsonage Road Tram Crossing – the Town Clerk informed members that the Department of Infrastructure is continuing work at Parsonage Road to facilitate Manx Electric Railway trams being able to continue to the Tram Station.

025h) Canon Greenwood Leave of Absence – the Town Clerk drew attention to a request made by Canon Greenwood for leave of absence. It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed to consider the matter in private.

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

RTC Board Meeting – 17th May, 2023, Continued:

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

(2023/24:026) Minutes:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th April, 2023, subject to the following:-

Clause 430 Notice of Motion – the Town Clerk informed members that the voting recorded within the Clause had been queried and asked members to recall their voting. No comments were made and the voting as recorded stood as a correct record.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:027) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 10th May, 2023, subject to the following:-

Town Branding - the Deputy Town Clerk undertook to share a video with members about Town Branding.

(2023/24:028) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 10th May, 2023.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:029) Finance Officer’s Report:

Resolved: To note Finance Officer’s report dated 10th May, 2023, subject to the following:-

Bank Balances - the Finance Officer informed members that the Housing Reserve Account now included proceeds from the sale of Albert Street Flats which could be used for future development.

Rent Arrears – reference was made to the debtor listed at position 2 on the list. The Finance Officer informed members that action to recover the arrears are progressing and the tenant could be issued with a Notice to Quit.

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer informed members that several of the debts listed had been paid and also that some of the debtors have entered into payment plan agreements.

Mr. Kelly asked about the proceeds from the recent sale of a refuse wagon – members were informed that the proceeds go into our central funds but could be used to off-set loan debt.

(2023/24:030) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices - Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 9th May, 2023, advising of failure of a person issued with a fixed penalty, an appeal for which was not successful, to pay the imposed fine.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Singer, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed, the matter be referred for prosecution. Mr. McGuinness declared an interest and did not vote.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:031) Town Clerk’s Report - Green Waste:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 9th May, 2023, regarding a wish to provide a kerbside green waste collection in Ramsey. Miss Craine welcomed the initiative, commending support of it and also that the Commission request further information about the proposals. Mr. McGuinness proposed an amendment that the Commission take the same stance taken when a similar approach was made some time ago. Mr. Singer suggested that the Commission should not support a specific proposal but take a neutral stance.

Mr. Beighton seconded the amendment which was put to the vote was put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 4, Miss Craine and Messrs. Court, Singer and Young voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:032) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: to note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 10th May, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:033) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Mooragh Camping:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 11th May, 2023, advising of a request that “pop-up” camping be permitted on part of the Mooragh Estate during T.T. and M.G.P., from 2024. Discussion ensued during which members noted that specific permission would need to be granted in terms of Byelaws to allow tents to be placed; the Commission would make no financial gain from the proposals; and the views of the Rugby Club were unknown. Concern was expressed that the proposal would be to the detriment of the Sprint / Sprintfest and to the general aesthetics of the Mooragh Estate.

(2023/24:033) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Mooragh Camping Continued:

Miss Craine withdrew from the meeting during discussion on this clause, at 8.50 p.m.

A proposal was put by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Beighton that the Commission support the proposals subject to further details and the stance of the Rugby Club being obtained.

The proposal was carried by 7 votes to 1, Mr. Singer voting against insofar as he felt the Commission should take a neutral stance at this stage with regard to arrangements between other parties.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:034) Raft South Foreshore:

Members considered a tabled report, dated 17th May, 2023, submitted by the Deputy Housing and Property Manager, concerning the damage caused by inclement weather to the raft placed on the south foreshore. The report details costs for the replacement of the existing raft and costs for the provision of a swimming platform, which it is believed will better suit weather conditions.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Commission do not proceed with replacement of the raft at this stage and the matter be referred to the 2024/25 budget process. The proposal was carried by 7 votes to 1, Mr. Parker voting against.

(2023/24:035) Leave of Absence Canon Greenwood:

Members considered Canon Greenwood's request to be granted leave of absence subsequent to his return to the Island in August. Members were informed that Canon Greenwood was compliant with the attendance requirements but that should he not be granted leave such action could result in a bye-election.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Young that leave of absence be not granted. Mr. Singer referred to his current health status and stated that should his health deteriorate to the point where he was unable to continue as a member it might be necessary to hold a further bye-election.

The proposition was put to the vote and failed by 5 votes to 3 – Messrs. Court, Kelly and Young voting in favour.

Matters of Establishment:

(2023/24:036) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 12th April, 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 no response. Chased 11/1/23. TC proposes that the developer is left to cut the grass and maintain the area at his cost for 2023. Developer contacted our advocate proposing the POS is transferred (April 23). The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Sep-23	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Bathing water status has been confirmed as Good. Planning is in place for shelters close to slip way at end of North Shore Road. Note the planning approval for the changing facilities expires in 2024.	At a meeting with the swimming groups on 6/3/23 they stated that they do not want a changing facility on the Mooragh prom, and that the focus should be south beach facilities.	PL	Jun-23	SB	Jun-23	
	Mooragh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter, the school has been contacted and asked to complete the work.	The school have been contacted about the missing sea gull!	PL	Jun-23	SB	Apr-23	
	Toilet Art	On site, final wall to be completed now that ivy has been removed.	Complete (remove from tracker July 2023)	PL	Jun-23	SB	Apr-23	
	Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park, 2 Industrial units used for retail.	Reported for investigation update awaited. Town Clerk has provided property ownership details to Planning Authority as occupier has not submitted appropriate application despite request to do so. Meeting with Enforcement Officer sought to be held on date to be advised. Further property report for alleged breach 25/2/21 and update requested. PEO advise regulating application to be submitted.	Planning contracted 21/7/22 re planning enforcement re SMS trading, they had not but will take enforcement action. Planning confirmed suspected breach is actively being progressed (13/9/22), Chased Dec 2022 and Feb 23- no change.	WD	Jun-23	TRKC	Jun-23	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Boundary Extension (Commission for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Petition for a Public Inquiry went to March 2022 Tynwald. Tynwald agreed the Inquiry could be held. Draft Order has been prepared. Meeting took place with Lezayre and Garff in August. Lezayre and Garff have submitted responses to the revised RTC document.	Advocate and planning specialist appointed awaiting date for inquiry from the DOI. A Chairman for the inquiry has been identified see separate report.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Sep-23	Green
	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.	WD	Jun-23	SB	May-23	Orange
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	It is envisaged that there will be 285 houses that require poles in Ramsey. Fibre Broadband will not be complete in Ramsey until June 2024.	last Manx Telecom report March 2023 board pack.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Jun-24	Orange
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelter at Town hall complete, planning application for tram station submitted(by DOI), revised planning application being prepared for Station Road.	Finalise revised planning application for Station Road Car park.	WD	Jun-23	MC	Jun-23	Orange
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldyn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	Dandara have started work on the playground. Still not finished.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Jun-23	Green
Jun-18	War Memorial (repair and renovation)	Memorial added the Register of Protected Buildings 2021. TSM to meet the War Memorial committee representative to discuss cleaning of the memorial and future works 10/2/21. No costs have been included in the RTC 2022/23 budget. War memorial committee want minimal intervention and work on the memorial (it is about maintenance and not restoration).	Clean the memorial. Prepare project and costs for repairs to the memorial 2023/24 financial year. Drain survey undertaken 5/9/22, drains go to soakaways, one of which appears to be silted up. The memorial was cleaned prior to 11/11/22.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Repairs 23/24	Orange

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Apr-22	Ramsey South Prom changing huts	Location for hut agreed with the DOI (as this area is all highway) and RNLI. DTC has consulted with DOI, RNLI, MSCC and representatives of swimmers/beach users.	See 2023-4 project list.	PL	Jun-23	SB	Sep-23	
May-22	Bus services	DTC wrote to Bus Vannin 21/4/22 regarding TT bus service and evening bus services towards the west. TC wrote to the new DOI Minister June 22. Reply received from Bus Vannin reported to Board.	Retain on tracker for future reference, no action required currently.	FGP	Jun-23	SB	Apr-23	
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags, 25 of the new bag design have been sold.		Jun-23	SB	Jul-23	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	Grant application submitted to DFE for works to prepare the shelters. Response from DFE anticipated by 15/4/23. Still awaiting response.	PL	Jun-23	SB	Jun-23	
Aug-22	Recycle conference	The main UK Recycle conference in Sept.	TC booked to attend.	PL	Jun-23	TRK/ BW	Sep-23	
Oct-22	Seagulls in Mooragh Park	Agreed that bunting will be put up to deter seagulls.	Awaiting revised price for smaller area.	PL	Jun-23	TRK/ BW	Jun-23	
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		Jun-23	TRK/ BW	Jun-23	
Feb-23	Move from weekly to monthly pay	Met with HR advisors and preparing option appraisal ahead of a plan. There will be consultation with the workforce.	Options brought to Establishment Committee May 2023.		Jun-23	TRK/ NC	Dec-23	

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed.	Complete works (after TT).	WD	Jun-23	BW	Apr-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Fittings ordered install June/ July 2023.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Mar-23	
8	Mar-22	Street Lights Lezayre Road	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	MUA undertaking works.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	MUA undertaking works.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Mar-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	Planning application currently on display.	HP	Jun-23	RK	Mar-23	

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

Projects 2023-24

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Feb-23	Toilet Millennium Garden	Planning application submitted and yellow notice is being displayed.	Awaiting planning approval.	HP	Jun-23	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	Confirm specification.	RTC can apply to the Climate Change Fund for grant support.	HP	Jun-23	MC	Jul-23	
5	Mar-22	Town Hall rear entrance			WD	Jun-23	MC	Apr-24	
6	Mar-22	Fencing Mooragh Park		Complete	HP	Jun-23	MC	Jul-23	
7	Mar-22	Vehicle Trackers	Considering alternatives		WD	Jun-23	BW	Jul-23	
8	Mar-22	Tree Survey	Order placed		WD	Jun-23	BW	Dec-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	Jun-23	BW	Dec-23	
10	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting (festoon)	Order placed	Awaiting delivery/install date.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Jul-23	
11	Mar-22	Fleet replacement	3 vans have been ordered.	Awaiting delivery of vehicles, petition for borrowing submitted.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Sep-23	
12	Mar-22	South Prom Changing facility	Feedback from planning authority has been received.	Finalise design	HP	Jun-23	SB/MC	Sep-23	
13	Mar-22	North Prom Changing Facility	Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb. Swimming group do not want a facility on the north prom.		WD	Jun-23	SB/MC	Sep-23	

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONSULTATION ON THE REMOVAL OF LOW VALUE COINS
JUNE, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Treasury is considering the removal of 1p, 2p and 5p coins from general circulation at a date in the future (yet to be decided). From this date these coins (and their UK equivalent denominations) would cease to be legal tender on the Isle of Man. This would mean that from the agreed date members of the public could not use the 1p, 2p and 5p coins for day to day use, and retailers and institutions would not be required to accept them for payment. At the same date from which the coins cease to be legal tender, the Treasury proposes to introduce the concept of compulsory rounding in respect of all cash transactions. Rounding will not apply to digital transactions. The Treasury is therefore seeking views from members of the public, retailers and financial institutions on the proposed changes to the Currency Act and the introduction of rounding.

Background

Manx and UK coins in circulation are governed by the Currency Act 1992. One of the strategic objectives of the Government in Our Island Plan is the aim of building a “strong and diverse economy” and, for many years, cash has been a fundamental part of our personal and commercial life. However, with advances in technology in society in general, there are now many more ways in which to pay for goods and services. Consequently, the demand for cash, and low value denominations in particular, has declined. Furthermore, the requirements and precautions taken during the recent Covid Pandemic have accelerated the decline in the use of cash.

How rounding works

Where a total bill is being paid in cash, and the number of pence to be paid does not end in 0p or 10p, the amount of the final bill will be rounded to the nearest 0p or 10p:

- 1p, 2p, 3p and 4p would be rounded down to the next 10p.
- 5p, 6p, 7p, 8p and 9p would be rounded up to the next 10p. For example:

For anyone wishing to pay by cash, the total bill is rounded to the nearest 10p at the till to remove the need for 1p, 2p and 5p coins in the change. The price of individual goods or services will remain unchanged as only the total bill will be rounded. Non-cash transactions are not affected:

- A total bill of £9.21, £9.22, £9.23 or £9.24 will be rounded down to £9.20
- A total bill of £9.25, £9.26, £9.27, £9.28 or £9.29 will be rounded up to £9.30
- Anyone who wishes to pay by card and has a total bill of £9.23 will be charged £9.23 on their card.

The application of rounding will have little impact when a large bill is being paid, and will have the greater impact when a total bill consisting of a single item at a low price is being paid.

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June, 2023 – Public Continued:**

It is important to note that rounding only takes place on the total bill.

The questions in the consultation are limited and shown below they seem geared towards a private response rather than a response from a Local Authority. Individual members may wish to complete the questionnaire independently instead of or as well as a providing a response from Ramsey Town Commissioners.

Question 1:

Do you agree that 1p, 2p and 5p coins no longer have any real purchasing power?

Yes/No

Question 2:

Do you agree that some or all of the following coins should be withdrawn from circulation?

1p only: **Yes/No**

2p only: **Yes/No**

1p and 2p only: **Yes/No**

1p, 2p and 5p coins: **Yes/No**

Question 3:

Do you agree with the proposal to introduce rounding?

Yes/No

Question 4:

If you answered no to any of the previous questions, what are your main concerns if any or all of the low value coins are removed and rounding is introduced?

**Town Clerk's Report – Consultation on the Removal of Low Value Coins –
June, 2023 – Public Continued:**

Select your 3 main concerns only:

Area of concern	Please rank your top three main concerns
Inflation – will prices go up?	
VAT – how will it be applied to a bill or a refund?	
Benefit Payments	
Pension Payments	
Bank and/or Post Office Savings Accounts	
Left over coins after a date of change	
Cost of stamps/postage	
Bill payments	
Wages	
Charity donations	

Question 5:

If you have any ideas, observations, concerns or suggestions please enter them below:

Recommendations: For discussion.

12th June, 2023.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
PUBLIC CONSULTATION - ELECTORAL COMMISSION
JUNE, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Electoral Commission is running a public consultation that closes on the 28th July 2023. This follows on from the report presented to the board in April where the Electoral Commission asked for the board's views on 44 questions. The response was duly forwarded to the Electoral Committee following April's meeting.

The electoral Committee have held 4 meetings around the Island one of which was held at Ramsey Town Hall on the 25th May 2023.

The consultation is appended to this report, the consultation is very much aimed at the individual, the formal views of Ramsey Town Commissioners' having been submitted in April 2023.

I commend members to review the consultation document and respond as individuals but take cognisance of the Commissioners' response of April that was submitted to the Electoral Commission.

Recommendations: For discussion

7th June 2023.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk



Electoral Commission – Public Consultation

An Electoral Commission for the Isle of Man has been appointed and tasked to report to Tynwald, no later than March 2024 by a Tynwald resolution which states;

“In addition to reviewing the number and boundaries of constituencies (which include the number of seats per constituency) the Electoral Commission must consider and report to Tynwald on the following matters;

- Accessibility of elections to voters
- Postal and Proxy voting procedures
- The ability to vote at any polling station across a constituency
- The feasibility of setting up one, or more, ‘All Island’ polling stations
- Candidate Campaign materials
- The organisation of pre-election meetings

In carrying out its review, the Electoral Commission must have due regard to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Benchmarks for Demographic Legislatures and to the potential costs of its recommendations.”

Part A - About You

Q1. It would be helpful to the Electoral Commission to have an awareness of the overarching demographic response to this consultation. Accordingly, it would be helpful to know something about you. Please complete if willing to do so. Are you?

Male Female Other Prefer not to say

Q2. What age range are you within?

16-20 21-30 31-40 41-50
 51-60 61-70 71-80 81 and above

Electoral Registration

Who is eligible to register to vote?

You are entitled to be on the electoral register if you have reached the age of 16, have had your usual place of abode in the Isle of Man for the preceding 12 months and are not subject to any legal incapacity to vote.

Registered Voter

This is a person that is eligible to register to vote, has satisfied the registration requirement and whose name has been entered in the electoral register for an electoral area.

Q3. Are you an eligible elector?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Q4. Have you registered to vote?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

Part B – Number and boundaries of constituencies

The Electoral Commission is required to review the number and boundaries of constituencies. These are presently fixed by Section 60 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 as twelve constituencies, each with two seats for election to the House of Keys and established following an extensive consultation and report by the Boundary Review Committee (2011-2013). (Previous reports can be accessed via <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/cabinet-office/information-archive/boundary-review-committee-2010-13/>)

In considering the CPA benchmarks, members of an elected house must be elected by direct and equal suffrage. Equal suffrage can be described as equal voting rights and equal voting power. That is, that each voter shall have the same number of votes and that seats must be evenly distributed between constituencies. Variation should not be more than 15% from the average whether it be population or other criteria, except in special circumstances. When variation levels are impacted in some way this would mean that the boundaries of constituencies would need to be considered and may possibly have to change.

The Electoral Commission has been asked to review constituency boundaries. In doing this it will take account of the following;

- Overall population
- Population of each constituency
- Number of eligible voters
- Number of registered voters

In addition, geographical and community boundaries will be considered.

The House of Keys is made up of 24 Members. It is not within the remit of the Commission to change the number of MHKs.

Please answer as many of the following questions as possible to help the Commission in its work. Enter a cross in the relevant response box below and add any additional comment where relevant or similar.

Number of Seats per constituency

Q1. Currently, the Isle of Man has 12 Keys constituencies with 2 members in each. Should this remain the same for the future?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If your response above was NO, what would you change it to, and why?

Q2. Currently, each constituency's size is based on population number to meet the principle of equality of representation. Should the basis on which constituency size is established remain the same?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q3. If you feel that it should not be based upon population numbers, what should it be based one?

- Registered electors*
- Eligible voters*
- Don't know
- Other

If you answered "other" above, then what factor should it be based upon?

*See explanation of these terms in Part A of this document

Q4. Existing boundaries of constituencies have been established that meet the principle of equivalency of population size. Should other factors take priority when setting boundaries?

- Yes (see Q5.)
- No
- Don't know

Q5. If you answered yes to **Q4**, which of the following should take priority? (Tick one)

- Geographic area/size
- Community/local ties
- Local Authority Boundaries
- Other (please specify)

Q6. The size of the Island's constituencies are currently based on population. In order to ensure equal voting power a maximum of 15% variance is permitted from the average population size (or whatever other criteria is chosen instead). Would exceeding this level of variation ever be justified?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you answered YES to the above. What would the justification be and why?

Part C – Other matters

Accessibility of elections to voters

The Electoral Commission has considered the issue of accessibility widely and is looking at factors that may hinder or inhibit individuals in exercising their right to vote. These include:

- Those with physical disability or others unable to easily access a polling station
- Those with mental disability or neurological divergence
- Young people – who may not be engaged in the electoral system
- Ethnic minorities and/or new arrivals to the Island who may have cultural/language barriers or lack understanding of the Manx electoral system.
- Those who may be ‘time poor’ – working parents, carers, employees or those unable to access their polling station in time to vote.

Q1. If you feel that you may fall within one or more of the above categories, as a result, were you discouraged from or were unable to vote in the 2021 General Election?

Yes

No

If yes please indicate why this was so.

Q2. If you did vote, did you experience difficulties in exercising your right to vote on the day of the 2021 General Election?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details of what caused this to happen?

Q3. Was there a problem for you in respect of physical accessibility to the station or casting your vote within the polling station you attended?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe the problem? Was it resolved?

Q4. If you have additional needs that affect accessibility to vote, were you aware that you could contact the Deputy Returning Officer for your constituency in advance to make arrangements to vote?

- Yes
- No

Currently voting requires a person to vote in person, at a specified polling station within a set period of time on Election Day. If you are unable to vote in person, you can vote in advance by post or appoint a proxy to vote for you. The Commission is considering other ways that voting may be developed in the future and whether this would encourage more people to exercise their vote. These suggestions will not replace the current process but would be in addition to what happens now.

Q5. Would voting be made easier or would you have been more inclined to vote if the following options were also available to you? (Please tick all that apply)

- Someone visiting me to collect my vote at home.
- Registering for an advance online, as an alternative to applying by post
- A choice to vote at **ANY** of the polling stations in your constituency.
- A chance to vote at an 'all-island' voting station.
- A longer time for polls to remain open. (Currently open 8a.m – 8 p.m.)
- Electronic verification process at polling stations (e.g. QR code on polling card)
- The ability to cast your vote on-line by electronic device such as phone, PC or tablet
- Moving the Election Day to a Saturday.
- Convenient parking provision at the polling stations used.
- Any other option – please explain below

Postal and Proxy Voting Procedures

Postal votes

Postal Votes are available to those unable to visit their allocated polling station and to those who choose not to vote in person.

Q6. Did you know that you can choose to use a postal vote as an alternative to voting in person should you wish to do so?

- Yes
- No

Q7. Did you use a postal vote in the 2021 General Election?

- Yes (please see Q8)
- No

Q8. If the answer to Q7 was yes, did you find the postal voting process easy to understand and follow?

- Yes
- No

If you answered no, please briefly explain why not

Q9. Would you consider using a postal vote in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Proxy Vote

If you are unable to vote in advance as a postal voter or cannot vote in person at your polling station you may be eligible to appoint someone to vote on your behalf. This is known as a proxy vote.

Q10. Did you appoint a proxy to vote in the 2021 General Election?

- Yes (see Q11)
- No

Q11. If so, did you find the process to appoint a proxy easy to understand and follow?

Yes

No

If no, please briefly explain why not

Q12. The final date and time for submitting an application to vote by proxy is 5p.m the day before poll. Do you think that this time should be extended to allow applications to appoint a proxy up until the close of the poll?

Yes

No

Ability to vote at any polling station

Currently those who choose to cast their vote in person must do this at their designated polling station.

Q13. Would you find it more convenient to vote at any of the polling stations within your constituency if this option was made available?

Yes

No

Q14. Would you find it convenient to vote at **any** polling station on the island if this option was made available?

Yes

No

Online voting

Online voting is remote, via the internet, where the voter submits their vote electronically to the election authorities, from any location

The Commission are looking as to whether there is support to move to online internet voting in addition to voting in person at a polling station, via postal vote or by proxy. This has been successfully introduced in a number of countries.

Q15. If the online security controls were implemented according to accepted, global standards, would you be willing to vote online via the internet?

Yes

No

Don't know

If no, what are your main concerns?

Q16. Do you think that the Isle of Man should aim to offer online internet voting in addition to the methods of voting currently available?

Yes

No

Don't know

Candidate Campaign Materials

Candidates receive funding from government to develop campaign materials such as campaign posters, leaflets and manifestos. There are rules that apply to these materials that candidates should follow. This can include requirements for set information to be shown on the material and where or how materials can be displayed.

Q17. How would you prefer to receive campaign materials in relation to candidates within your constituency?

Individually from each candidate

In a joint booklet or brochure for each constituency

Electronically

Via social media

Other (please specify)

Q18. Do you consider that there is consistent and effective enforcement of the rules that exist in relation to campaign materials? (E.g. in general and particularly with reference to the display of election posters and banners.)

Yes

No

Don't know

If no, please explain

The organisation of pre-election meetings

At the 2021 General Election, pre-election meetings were organised via or by Government to enable constituents to hear from, and question, candidates standing for election within that constituency. These meetings were in addition to the ability for residents to call requisition meetings via the Captains of the Parishes as well as any additional hustings that were arranged via local media.

Q19. Did you attend a pre-election meeting within the constituency in which you voted?

- Yes
- No

Q20. If yes did you find the meeting useful?

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why not and how it may be improved in the future

General Commentary

Q21 If you have any other comment to make in respect of the organisation or running of the 2021 General Election or future elections on the Isle of Man please include them below

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023
JUNE 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

It came to the attention of the Town Clerk that the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 was on the agenda for the June 2023 sitting of the House of Keys. As this had not been discussed in the past 18 months the current Town Clerk was unaware of the history and sought explanation and confirmation of the process. The Department of Infrastructure Local Government Team provided the following information in an email. A copy of the Bill is enclosed with the Board pack for information.

“Dear All

I am writing to let you all know that as of yesterday (where the 1st reading took place) the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023 is with the House of Keys for their consideration. Apologies that this email wasn't sent last week it slipped down my to do list!.

As explained first reading took place yesterday (1st Reading effectively introduces the name of the Bill into the House).

The only changes to the Bill (see attached) since the Local Government Sector were consulted in late 2020 and early 2021 (Public Consultation also took place in 2017) are very minor , essentially the following changes have been made

- changing the name of the Minister on the Bill
- altering the year on the Bill from 2021 to 2023;
- altering a reference from Tynwald Library to Clerk of Tynwald; and
- updating references to the future Act in Clauses 31 and 33 to the “Local Government (Amendment) Act 2023”.

Additionally during a brief review of the Bill it was noted that within Clause 25 (2) there was a need to include a very minor amendment to enable the new Schedule 3A (Admission to Meetings and Access to Documents of Local Authorities) to be applied to joint boards and committees in future.

This additional clause 2(f) has now been included within the draft Bill (attached).

Essentially therefore the Bill is unchanged from that which originally went through the House of Keys with no amendment in May and June 2021. We are in effect starting again from scratch.

The Department are very aware that this necessary and important Bill has not been progressed for many years now and are keen to move forward to look to improve the legislative framework and then look to implement further improvements through the regulations and other secondary legislation that this Bill enables.

The House of Keys will now be considering this further, the next stage being the 2nd Reading of the Bill on Tuesday 27th June 2023. This reading will be discussing the intent and principles behind the Bill itself. There will then be a summer recess and in October 2023 a further Third Reading (known as Clauses will take place). Assuming that the Bill continues its progress through the Chambers from that stage , it will likely be taken to the Legislative Council in late October or November depending on the sitting dates but of course that is sometime away.

I hope that this email sufficiently keeps you all informed of the situation around the Bill, please let me know if there are any questions that your authority has on any of the above.

Kind Regards

Local Government Team"

Recommendation: For discussion

14th June 2023.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
TENNIS CLUB USE OF THE MOORAGH COURTS
JUNE, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Sports clubs play an important role in the community, bringing people together socially and helping people to be active. The Tennis Club have had an agreement with RTC to occupy the Mooragh Park tennis courts on winter evenings between 30th October and 31st March between 5.00pm and 10.30pm and other times agreed with RTC.

The Tennis Club have been instrumental in maintaining the tennis courts to a high standard. Last year they paid 50% towards a new net for one of the courts, and they were instrumental in paying for and installing flood lighting to the courts.

They wish to renew the licence to occupy agreement for a further 7 years at the same nominal consideration of £5 per year payable in advance.

- The club want to work with RTC to maintain a strategy of maintenance to extend the useful life of the current surface and defer the capital spend to renew;
- The club would like to be involved in Park Days - so that the club can offer tennis to the attendees;
- The club want to continue to be associated with RTC, and have RTC support the annual Ramsey Town Cup with a contribution £150 and help present prizes;
- A recent UK LTA visit to the courts by their disability team resulted in favourable response as to the access & condition of the courts to support disabled tennis.

Working together on the courts:

- RTC to complete the boarding around the bottom of the fence;
- RTC will contribute 50% to the purchase of a new net for the 2nd court (approximately £200)
- The tennis club will mark where the holes on the courts are and for the Commissioners to remedy;
- RTC will spray the courts for mares tail so that it does not come up through the courts and cause further decay.

A 7- year licence to occupy will enable the Tennis Club to look to the future and access grant funding for items such as improvements to the flood lighting of the courts.

A thriving and busy tennis club in the Mooragh park brings people to the park of an evening and ensures that the courts are maintained to a high standard at minimal expense.

Recommendations: For discussion

14th June 2023.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk

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

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in May 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st May 2023 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £593,681.03 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £31,205.56 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in May 2023. Details of the accounts paid and the suppliers utilised are attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation : To be noted.

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure

A summary of the 2023-24 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 31st May 2023 together with associated graphical depiction is attached at Appendix 2. The graphical disclosures are both month-by-month and cumulative figures.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account and are to be financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2023-24 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs, and they are:

New refuse collection vehicle	£206,845.
Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£213,457.
New mowers & equipment	£28,963.
Professional fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£95,927.
New street lighting – LEDs	£56,000.
New festoon decorative lighting	£8,172.

It should be noted that the refuse vehicle, Cronk Elfin refurbishment, Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites redevelopment and the new LEDs are all funded by capital loans.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During May 2023 £338,131 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2023-24 financial year. This is the first instalment for the 2023-24 financial year (in May 2022 £318,966 was received in respect of the 2022-23 financial year).

Recommendation: To be noted.

14th June 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 31st May 2023

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	160,678.18
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	97,209.61
Various	Legal & professional fees : housing	95,698.20
Various	Street lighting maintenance	71,644.48
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	51,750.13
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	30,480.17
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	16,843.97
Various	New mower & other equipment	14,556.00
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	11,811.76
LITE Ltd.	Decorative street lighting - festoons	9,806.40
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	9,676.62
Various	IT costs	4,029.27
Various	Town events	2,462.00
Various	Staff training	2,220.00
Various	Contract cleaning	2,182.00
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,869.24
Various	Legal & professional fees : non-housing	1,840.50
Various	Park goods & materials	1,532.56
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	1,522.42
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,355.10
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	1,252.75
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	833.91
Various	Security & safety	774.35
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	Vacancy advertising	569.42
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	522.88
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	374.11
Various	Gift vouchers	185.00
		593,681.03
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	14,691.94
IOM Govt.	Qtr. 1 site rent & 2023-24 rates	7,350.46
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	4,303.04
Various	Recycling charges	3,761.48
Various	Equipment maintenance	726.00
Various	Site maintenance	199.40
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	88.19
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	64.37
Bank	Charges	20.68
		31,205.56

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during May 2023

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	LITE Ltd.	UK
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Maintenance Free Building Products Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mann Recovery Services Ltd.	IOM
Axis Consulting Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Roots Ltd.	IOM
Bowmer Bond Narrow Fabrics Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
B.P.D. Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	March Consultants Ltd.	IOM
C.C. Geotechnical Ltd.	UK	Marksmann Locksmith	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	McGarrigle Architects Ltd.	IOM
Chris Johns	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Northern Men in Sheds	IOM
Compressed Air Services Ltd.	IOM	Otis Ltd.	UK
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Crossroads Manx Workshop	IOM	Paragon HR & Recruitment Ltd.	IOM
Daryn Moore	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Dickinson Cruickshank	IOM	Premier Play Solutions Ltd.	UK
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Sanderson Associates (Consulting Eng.)	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
G. Kinrade Electrical Training Services Ltd.	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Skanswear	UK
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Gray Law Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
Harbour Marine Services Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	The Clever Baggers	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
JAC Stores Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Jannoo IOM	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
JB Fire Safety Training Services Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	UK
Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	144,284	1,163,891	(1,019,607)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Glass	0	0	0	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	1,891	8	1,883	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	8,542	59	8,483	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
Sub Total	£154,717	£1,163,958	(£1,009,241)	£ 4,769,734	£ 4,935,885	£ (166,151)

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	6,988	17,977	(10,989)	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	9,363	0	9,363	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	6,018	0	6,018	72,348	0	72,348
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	1,135	0	1,135	11,246	0	11,246
Mansail Lease	2,309	2,500	(191)	4,650	11,552	(6,902)
Lakeside Centre	0	0	0	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	0	4,466	(4,466)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	0	0	0	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	0	0	0	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	(4,394)	0	(4,394)	25,568	0	25,568
Private Property Repairs	504	0	504	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	2,132	0	2,132	1,458	0	1,458
Apprentices	4,166	1,536	2,630	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	957	1,643	(686)	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	23,598	0	23,598	83,300	0	83,300
Sub Total	£67,576	£28,122	£39,454	£590,664	£104,753	£485,911

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	2,377	0	2,377	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	4,129	15,702	(11,573)	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	113,163	27,427	85,736	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	58,109	0	58,109	228,120	0	228,120
Sewers & Pumps	0	0	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	27,518	0	27,518	108,496	0	108,496
Decorative maint.	10	0	10	15,515	0	15,515
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	7,525	0	7,525
Local Services	37,656	0	37,656	220,677	0	220,677
Sub Total	£242,962	£43,129	£199,833	£1,649,263	£266,335	£1,382,928

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	5,075	5,083	(8)	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	37,374	0	37,374	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	0	0	0	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	21,946	1,107	20,839	148,505	9,269	139,236
Sub Total	£64,395	£6,190	£58,205	£512,461	£34,604	£477,857

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	3,671	0	3,671	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	113,098	13,096	100,002	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	1,577	0	1,577	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	7,202	3,863	3,339	36,397	24,431	11,966
Swimming Pool	0	0	0	44,154	0	44,154
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	1,720	29	1,691	3,333	1,196	2,137
Sub Total	£129,268	£16,988	£112,280	£1,010,725	£148,721	£862,004

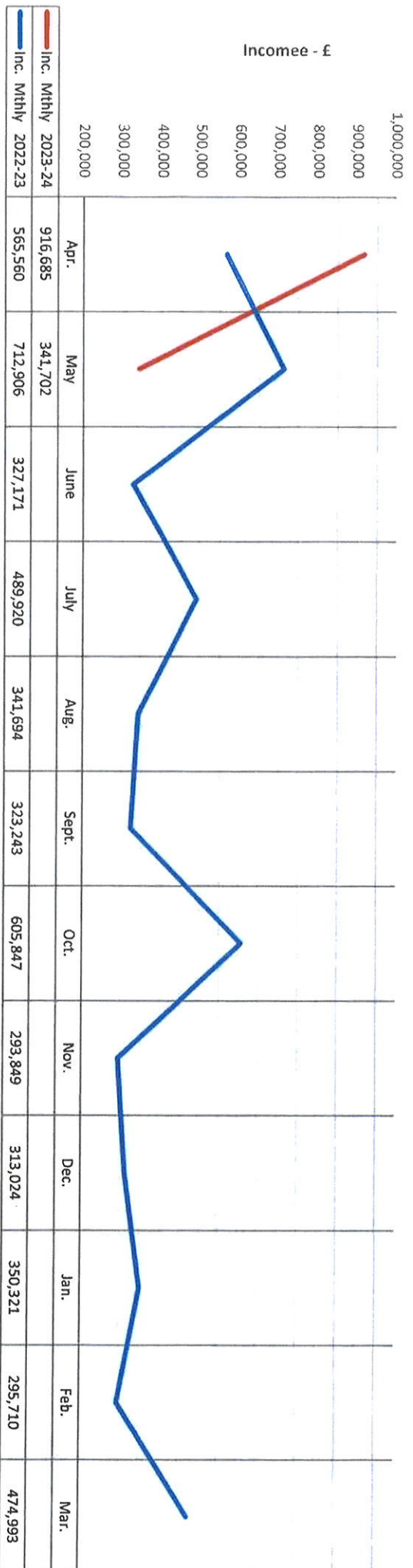
TOTAL	£658,918	£1,258,387	(£571,347)	£ 8,532,847	£ 5,490,298	£ 3,042,549
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Town rates	£ -	£ 531,887	(£531,887)	£ -	£ 3,254,158	(£3,254,158)
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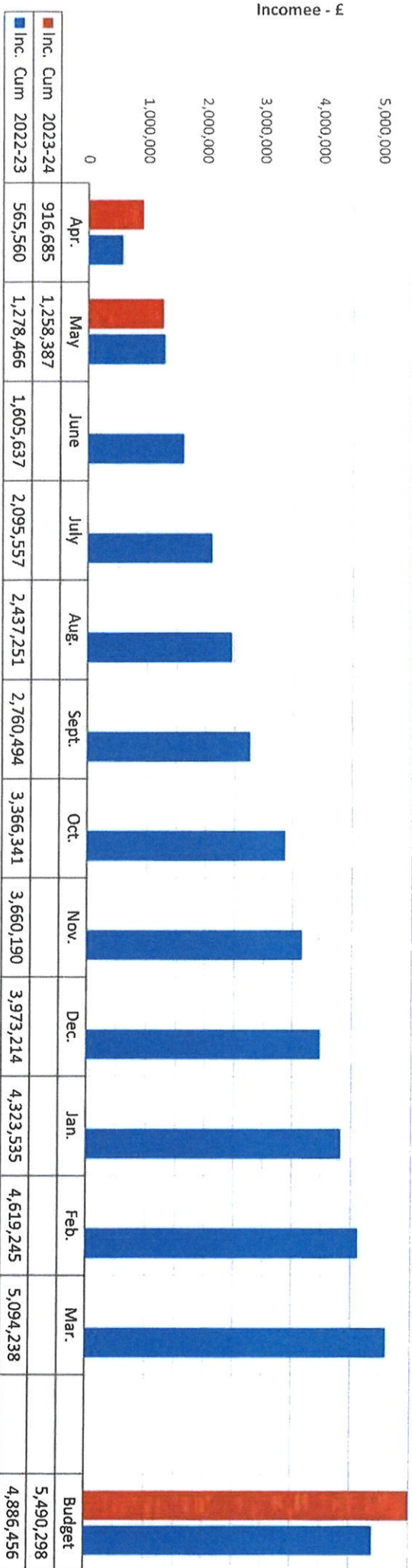
RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2023

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

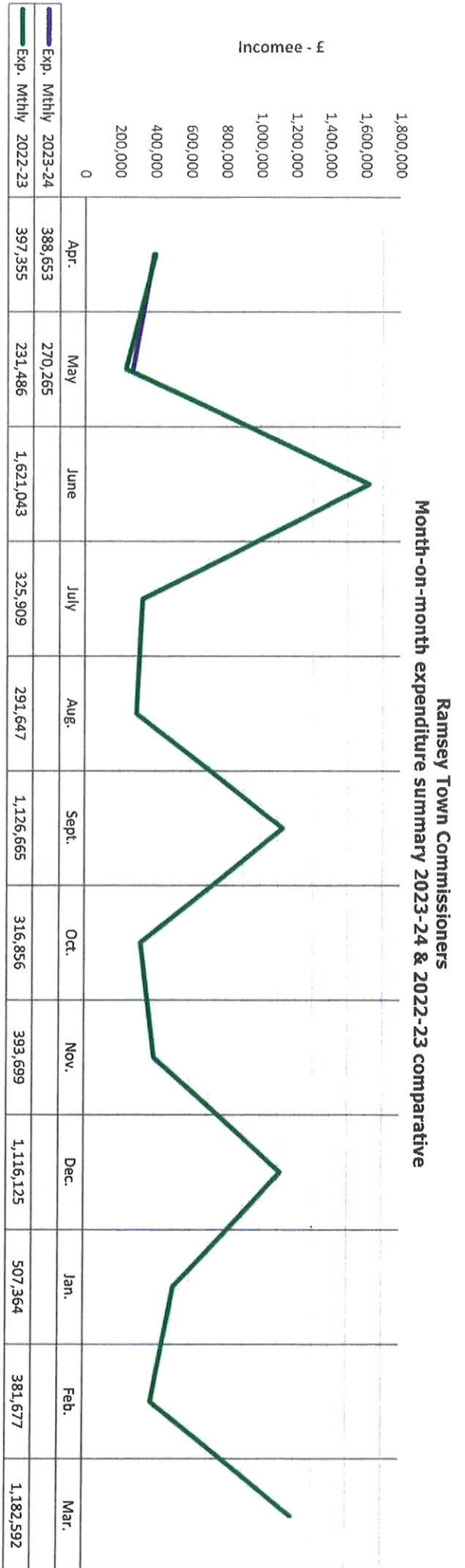


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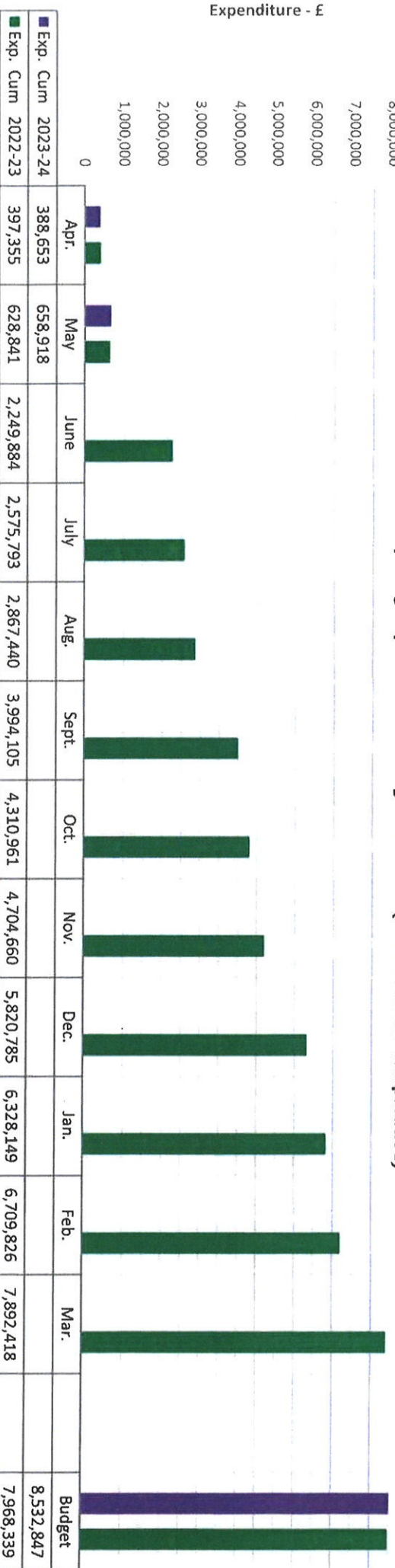


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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2023



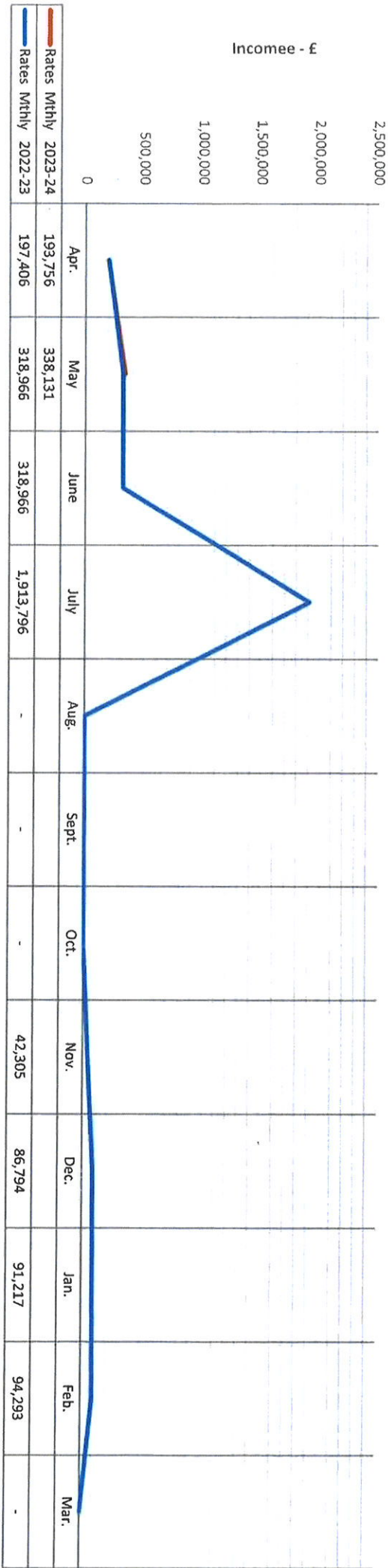
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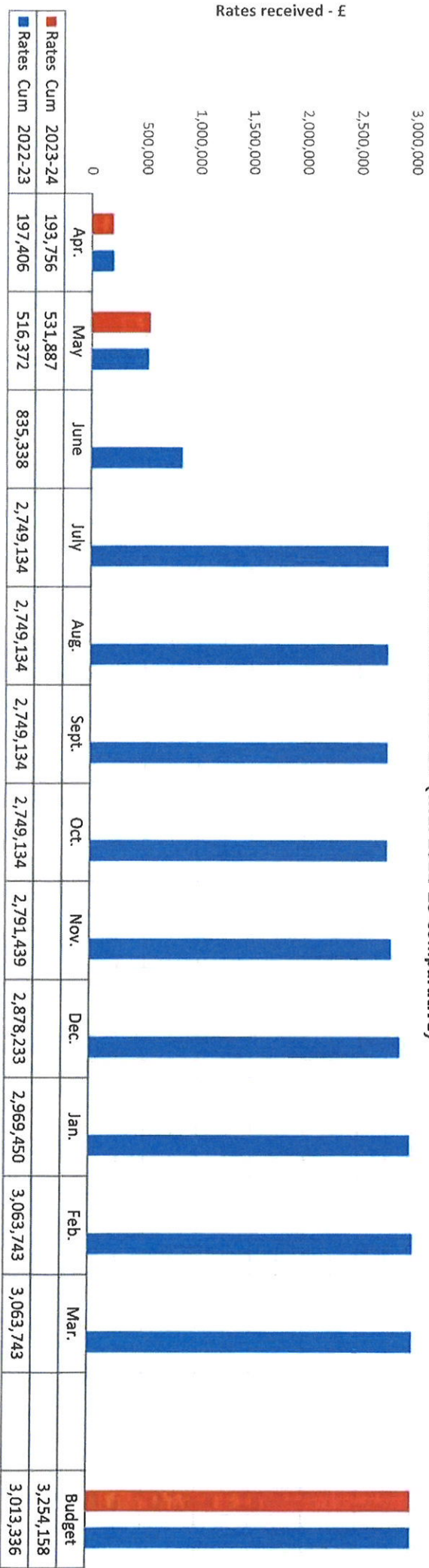
RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2023

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



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Town rates received 2023-24 (with 2022-23 comparative)



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
PUBLIC BODIES CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING
JUNE, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Climate Change Act 2021 places certain legal responsibilities on public bodies, one of which is that they must report on an annual basis on their progress towards the Net Zero carbon emission targets.

The first report must be submitted by the end of July 2023. The report is for the previous financial year from April 2022 to the end of March 2023. The Climate Change Transformation team have provided information and a report format for public bodies to complete.

Public bodies have different reports and time scales for reporting based upon their relative size (based upon staff headcount). Ramsey Town Commissioners need to report as a Category B public body (this is for between 16 and 150 full time equivalent employees).

The report has been prepared for submission and is appended.

Points of note:

- RTC has 48.1 full time employees
- The petrol and diesel usage is recorded and accurate
- The heating oil and gas usage is for all RTC properties for which RTC is responsible for the heating (this excludes all houses and flats where the tenant meets the cost of the oil or gas bills)
- The Electricity usage is for all RTC properties where RTC is responsible for the electricity bill.
- Only parcels of land over 1 hectare have been listed (RTC own over 50 hectares of land in Ramsey in total, only 32.7 hectares are listed).
- RTC total emissions work out at 536,135 kgCO₂ equivalent (or 536 tonnes)

An Environmental Policy has been written and went before the Policy Committee on 16th June 2023. It should be noted that this is after the reporting period. A plan to reduce the emissions generated by RTC has also been developed and implementation of the plan will start this year.

Recommendations: For discussion, and approval is sought for submission of the appended report to the Climate Change Transformation team.

26th May 2023.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUNE, 2023 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

REF NO: 4074
P.A. NO.: [23/00306/B](#)
PROPOSED: Proposed variation of condition of approval No 1 to P.A. 19/00778/B, for an extension of time, proposed conversion and extension to outbuilding to create a residential dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Former barn to the rear of The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4075
P.A. NO.: [23/00528/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of public toilet block
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Millennium Garden, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4076
P.A. NO.: [23/00529/B](#)
PROPOSED: Removal of existing conservatory to kitchen. Erection of a replacement solid utility room & garage. Extension of existing flat roof to cover, erection of replacement porch extension. Installation of replacement vehicle access to driveway (maintaining neighbour's right of way to pedestrian access)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Pier House, Stanley Mount East, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4077
P.A. NO.: [23/00558/B](#)
PROPOSED: Proposed window/door alterations to rear elevation of dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **6, The Sycamores, Clifford Drive, Walpole Road, Ramsey**

**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications
June 2023 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4078
P.A. NO.: 23/00573/C
PROPOSED: Additional use of Apartments 2, 3 and 19 as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **2, 3 & 19, The Elms, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4079
P.A. NO.: 23/00581/B
PROPOSED: Erection of a sunroom to the rear of the property and extension of the rear patio area
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **88, Royal Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4080
P.A. NO.: 23/00604/B
PROPOSED: Proposed alterations and replacement garage and rear extension to dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Gollane, Jurby Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4081
P.A. NO.: 23/00634/B
PROPOSED: Alterations and renovation works to existing three apartments including replacement windows and external doors, four new pitched roof dormers to replace the three existing and a cycle store for six cycles in lieu of car parking
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Tower House, Tower Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4082
P.A. NO.: 23/00635/B
PROPOSED: Removal of two chimney stacks
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1, Premier Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4083
P.A. NO.: 23/00638/B
PROPOSED: Erection of a cycle shelter with associated hard standing
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **M.E.R. Station, Albert Street, Ramsey**

**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications
June 2023 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4084
P.A. NO.: 23/00652/GB
PROPOSED: Installation of rear balcony at first floor level and change of use from offices to single dwelling (in association with RB consent application 23/00653/CON)
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **9, Auckland Terrace, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4085
P.A. NO.: 23/00653/CON
PROPOSED: Internal alterations to facilitate conversion from offices to single dwelling, installation of first floor balcony at rear, replacement windows, and alteration of rear window to create door RB152 (in association with 23/00652/B)
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **9, Auckland Terrace, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4086
P.A. NO.: 23/00686/B
PROPOSED: Replacement windows to north (front) elevation; painted cement render to north and west elevations
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **A. J. Millichap Limited, 85, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4087
P.A. NO.: 23/00696/B
PROPOSED: Installation of multi-fuel stove requiring a twin wall flue to be installed and terminating above the roofline of the property
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **4, Barrack Lane, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

12th June, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ALBERT ROAD SITE
JUNE 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

Officers have been contacted by Volume Events with a request to utilise the Albert Road Site as “drop off / pick up” zone for minibuses for a music event they are holding.

The event is taking place on Saturday 22nd July at Mountain View Innovation Centre between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. and is expecting an attendance of around 500 people. The initial event was successfully run in 2022 and had an attendance of 300 people.

Given the location of the Mountain View Innovation Centre and limited public transport options the organiser is seeking to offer a pick up/drop off location within the town centre. Other events at this location have offered a similar service but picking up from different locations.

The organiser believes that many of the event attendees would also visit licensed premises within the town after they have attended the event.

The Albert Road car park was successfully used by Bus Vannin during the 2023 TT as a temporary point to operate buses from during road closures.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th June 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SPRINTFEST
JUNE 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

Sprintfest took place on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2023 in Market Place.

The event was blessed with excellent weather and offered a fantastic range of local musicians. There was a good attendance on all nights with the Friday and Sunday evenings being particularly popular.

A number of mitigations were incorporated into the event to ease the impact that the event has on those who live or work near the event area or for those travelling around town. These appear to have had the desired effect.

A fuller report about the event, together with an options report for future year, is being prepared. It is anticipated that this will be presented at the July Board meeting.

A survey will be published to gather feedback from those who attended as well as the wider community and other stakeholders.

Recommendation: for noting and further reporting

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th June 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION
JUNE, 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness; viz

15th June, 2023 – Telephone Box Courthouse Grounds:

"In May 2021 it was agreed by Ramsey Town Commissioners to look into the costs and practicalities associated with adopting the Telephone Box located at the Courthouse, as Manx Telecom were considering removal due to lack of use, and converting it into a location for a defibrillator.

In June 2021 the phone box in question was issued with a Building Preservation Notice, subsequently no further action has been taken due to the complications the notice provides.

The preservation notice in question is, ironically, not ensuring the phone box is preserved but is actively aiding in its demise.

I propose that Ramsey Town Commissioners contact Manx Telecom to enquire regarding the status of adoption of the phone box that was not taken up in 2021 and, at the same time, open up dialogue with the conservation officer and/or planning department within DEFA regarding the practical steps involved in making the phone box an attractive beneficial part of the town (a defibrillator storage facility for example) which is able to be maintained, and not left to be a rotting eyesore, in a pragmatic and cost sensible manner in line with the preservation order."

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides:

"Notices of 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 or it shall be delivered in writing, duly signed by the member giving the notice, at the office of the Town Clerk at least 5 clear days before the next meeting."

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."

15th June, 2023.