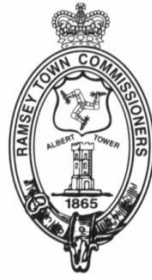


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Dear xx

**Your request – FOI043**

We write further to your request which was received on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and which states:

*“Can you please confirm what local authority buildings and land have been sold in the last 2 years and how many have been purchased by employees of the local authority as private acquisitions. Please also declare all dates of these sales and the dates ahead of time of the pre-sale being made public”*

**Response to your request**

One property was sold in the last two years. This was 6 – 7 Albert Street, Ramsey.

An option to refurbish this property was discussed at the Board Meeting of Ramsey Town Commissioners on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Having considered the refurbishment options and associated costs officers started a process to evaluate whether selling this property would be a better option. An estate agent was asked to value the property on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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The Commissioners resolved at a Board Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to investigate the principle of selling the property.

Following a report and discussion at the Board Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the Commission resolved to sell the property.

The Commission submitted a Vendor Registration Form with the estate agent on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Sale details were agreed on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and sale process went “live” on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

The Commissioners resolved at a Board Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to accept an offer on the property. This was communicated to the estate agent on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The transaction completed on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Where this matter was discussed at a Board Meeting it was recorded in the minutes for the relevant meeting which are published on the Commission website [www.ramsey.gov.im](http://www.ramsey.gov.im).

This property was purchased by a limited company whose shareholders include an employee of the authority. The employee, who commenced employment on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, was not in post when officers started the initial process of assessing the option of selling the property.

The employee withdrew from meetings when this item was being discussed once the property had been put on the market.

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An electronic version of the relevant complaint form can be found by going to our website – <https://www.ramsey.gov.im/your-commissioners/freedom-of-information/>.

If you would like a paper version of the complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact us and we will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

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If anything is unclear, or if you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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