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12th December, 2024.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday evening next, 18th December, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

Mr. S. Kelly:

1. Apologies for Absence:

2. Minutes for Adoption:

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- Board Meeting held on 20th November, 2024 and reconvened on 27th November, 2024.

3. Matters arising not included within the Agenda.

4. Matters for Information:

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- Minutes Meeting NCAS Committee to be tabled
- Action Tracker – December, 2024.
- Trackers - Budget Approved Projects
- Ruinous Register – December, 2024.

5. Finance and General Purposes:

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- Acting Town Clerk's Report(s):
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 - Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Amendment Bill 2024
 - Street Traders Licence Seahorse Coffee Co
 - Street Traders Licence The Hutch

- Finance Officer's General Report(s):
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 - Proposed Hospice Half Marathon

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- Dated 10th November, 2024, standing in the name of Ms L. L. Craine:-
 - Pedestrianisation

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

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



H. S. Bevan,
Acting Town Clerk

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 20th November, 2024, at 7.00p.m.

Present: Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine, Messrs. J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs R. D. Cowell, A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, Canon N. D. Greenwood and L. Parker. Mr. S. R. Kelly has been granted leave of absence.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Williams, as Deputy, chaired the meeting.

(2024/25:183) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16th October, 2024, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2024/25:184) Matters Arising:

Mr. McGuinness sought an update on discussion with regards to the public conveniences at Bowring Road. The Housing and Property Manager advised that no date for inspection had yet been offered but advised members of his understanding that the sanitary ware was to be updated.

Matters for Information:

(2024/25:185) Minutes Meeting NCAS Committee:

Resolved: To note the Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Civil Amenity Site Committee held on 11th September, 2024, and the report dated 18th November, 2024, presented by the Technical Services Manager following a meeting of the Committee with Northern Members of the House of Keys on 13th November, from which it is noted that the Committee reaching a resolution between themselves is recommended.

It was further noted that a “model” for going forward would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 28th November, 2024.

(2024/25:186) Action Tracker November, 2024:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 14th November, 2024.

(2024/25:187) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 14th November, 2024.

(2024/25:188) Ruinous Register:

Resolved: To note the Ruinous Register at 14th November, 2024, detailing properties within the Town about which there are concerns.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:189) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 13th November, 2024, subject to the following:-

Accounts – Mr. McGuinness queried who two firms had been used to provide GDPR services? The Finance Officer advised that one firm had provided a review of our GDPR services and the other services based on impact where they had undertaken similar services elsewhere.

Works and Development:

(2024/25:190) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Draft Area Plan North and East:

Resolved: To note the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 13th November, 2024, advising of the publication of the Inspector's Report on the Draft Area Plan North and West (which can be downloaded from Government's public enquiry website. It was noted that a further update will be provided by Cabinet Office towards the end of November, 2024.

Mr. McGuinness reiterated comments, made by Mr. Hooper, concerning the Commission's lack of response with regard to development at Pooildhooie and hoped that further report would include more detail on this area and other proposals affecting the Town.

(2024/25:191) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Stanley Mount East – Proposed One-Way:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 7th November, 2024, advising that the Highways Services of the Department of Infrastructure has sought the Commission view’s before they consider a request from a resident to make Stanley Mount East one-way in a Northern direction.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Young and agreed by 4 votes to 2 – Mesdames Cottam-Shea and Craine voting against, that the Commission make no comment on the proposal and any decision be left to the Highways Services.

(2024/25:192) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 12th November, 2024, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

REF NO: 4151 (Re-advertised due to amended and additional plans/info)
P.A. NO.: 24/00474/B
PROPOSED: Erection of two detached dwellings with garaging and alterations to existing vehicular access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land to rear of The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

Members noted that this application had been re-advertised and the additional information addressed flooding issues.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Young and carried by 5 votes to 1, Ms Craine voting against, no objection be made to the application.

Appendix

Ms Craine asked about progress with regard to the demolition of the premises 11 – 12 West Quay. The Technical Services Manager advised that the owner has suspended work and further report will be given during the private section of the Board Meeting.

Parks and Leisure:

(2024/25:193) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Festive Events 2024:

Resolved: To note the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 7th November, 2024, advising of forthcoming events, namely:-

Ramsey Christmas Lights Switch-On	Friday 22 nd November
Ramsey Festival of Christmas Trees	30 th November – 4 th January
Young Farmers’ Tractor Run	7 th December
Carols at the Courthouse	21 st December

The Acting Town Clerk confirmed that details of the “Ramsey in Bling” competition would be released in the next few days.

(2024/25:194) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – RNLI Chilly Dip 2025:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 7th November, 2024, advising of the request made by Ramsey Branch RNLI for logistic support and seeking permission to stage the 2025 Chilly Dip on 1st January, 2025.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed nem con to permit the swim and support the RNLI as requested.

It was noted that the event will include a Road Closure application.

(2024/25:195) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Shennaghys Jiu 2025:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 7th November, 2024, advising of the request made by Shennaghys Jiu for logistic support for their 2025 Festival and seeking permission to hold the Festival Opening at the Town Hall, as they have in previous years.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con to permit use of the Town Hall and support Shennaghys Jiu as requested.

It was noted that the 2025 Festival will include a Road Closure application.

2024?25:196) Notices of Motion:

In terms of Standing Orders Mr. Williams, in chairing the meeting, permitted consideration of the Standing Orders presented as hereunder:-

196.1) Notices of Motion dated 10th November, 2024, standing in the name of Ms L. L. Craine:

196.1.i) One Bed Properties:

Proposal 1 Property Stock Table: Proposed by Ms Craine, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that the table detailing the numerical and percentage split in the Commission's public sector housing be included within the Housing Committee Minutes and Reports going forward.

Proposal 2 Property Designs: Proposed by Ms Craine, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that if housing redevelopment at Close Woirrey is not progressed the Commission investigate funding to amend designs to include a substantial portion of one bed properties

Proposal 3 Property Development: Ms Craine was advised that the question of potential development of brownfield sites is being considered by the Policy Committee. Ms Craine proposed that further report, in addition to budgetary consideration and any reports being prepared by or presented to the Policy Committee, be presented directly to the full Board. This was seconded by Mr. Young and carried nem con.

196.1.ii) Dog Fouling: In presenting the Notice of Motion Ms Craine proposed that a report be presented to the January 2025 Board Meeting focusing on how the problem of dog fouling can be addressed and concentrating on her wish to see the penalty fees increased from £50 to £300.

Mr. McGuinness seconded the proposal but added an amendment that the Commission consider how awareness can be improved. The amendment was seconded by Ms Craine, put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 1, Mr. Young voted against.

196.1.iii) Let it Bee Wildflowers: Ms Craine proposed that the Commission expand their existing commitment to the provision of wildflower areas of planting to those listed within her Notice of Motion and that she be permitted to help with the project. The proposal was seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea and carried by 5 votes to 1, Mr. Oldham voting against.

196.1.iv) Cigarette Litter: Ms Craine proposed that permission be granted street artists to illustrate drainage grids as a deterrent against cigarette butts being dropped down them, and that a budget of £500 be allowed to cover the cost of materials. The proposal was seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and carried by 4 votes to 4, Messrs. Oldham and Young voting against. Members were informed that permission would need to be sought from the Department of Infrastructure.

2024/25:196) Notices of Motion Continued:

196.1.v) Idling Internal Combustion Engines:

v.i Warden Priority and Authority: Ms Craine proposed that the Town Warden be authorised to give propriety to and issue penalties for persons allowing their motor vehicles to idle. The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness who amended the proposal to include that the Commission's employees be trained and the capacity in which they might issue penalties in terms of the Highways Act be explored. The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against.

v.ii Publicity Campaign: Ms Craine proposed that a publicity campaign be mounted drawing attention to the pollution created by idling vehicles and to the fact that it is against the law. The proposal was seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and carried by 4 votes to 2, Messrs. Oldham and Young voting against.

196.1.vi) Pedestrianisation

In terms of Standing Orders the Deputy Chairman indicated that consideration of the following Notice of Motion concerning pedestrianisation of Parliament Street, standing in the name of Ms Craine would be deferred to the December, 2024, meeting of the Commission.

196.2) Notices of Motion dated 12th November, 2024, standing in the name of Ms S. Cottam-Shea:

196.2) Thomas the Town Cat: Ms Cottam-Shea proposed her notice of motion that "Freedom of the Town" status be granted Thomas the Cat, which she felt would be of benefit in promoting the town. The proposal was seconded by Ms. Craine and carried by 5 votes to 1, Mr. Young voted against. Members were informed that there would be no cost to the Commission.

Any Other Business:

(2024/25:197) Funding Housing Projects:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con, unless there are legal restraints preventing such action, funding accrued from the sale of Albert Street Flat be utilised to progress demolition of Close Woirrey and redevelopment of the site.

(2024/25:198) Mooragh Park Crazy Golf:

Mr. McGuinness referred to a personal social media survey he had undertaken concerning the need for works to improve / update the crazy golf course in the Mooragh Park which reflected the majority of respondents thereto were in favour of works being undertaken.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed nem con, to agree in principle to including include a project within the 2025/26 budget to include funding to improve the crazy golf course.

(2024/25:199) Provision of Directional Finger Post Signs:-

Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 4 votes to 2, Messrs. Oldham and Young voting against, that the Technical Services Manager's report dated 8th November, 2024, be considered in public.

Mr. McGuinness queried the sustainability of the wooden posts? The Technical Services Manager indicated she was not sure but suggested not as long as the metal option.

Mr. McGuinness then proposed using treated wooden posts, which may enable a grant to be obtained; Ms Cottam-Shea seconded the proposal which was carried by 4 votes to 2; Messrs. Oldham and Young voting against.

Ms Craine advised members that traders in St. Paul's Square had indicated their wish to have that area included on directional finger posts.

Members noted that the financial details would be considered in private as part of the 2025/26 budget process.

(2024/25:200) Mountain Road Closures – Safety Work:

The Acting Town Clerk drew attention to the proposal of the Department of Infrastructure to close the Mountain Road to enable safety works to be undertaken during December,

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con, that the Department be asked if they would consider delaying the works to a “quieter” month – it was felt that the retail sector would suffer because of December closures.

(2024/25:201) Invitation Tynwald Carol Service:

Resolved: To note receipt of the invitation to attend the Tynwald Christmas Carol Service to be held on 12th December, 2024.

(2024/25:202) Budget Meetings:

Resolved: To note and approve the suggested schedule for budget meetings, which would commence on 27th November. The Finance Officer distributed suggested income proposals and invited members to contact him before the meeting should they need any further information.

Owing to Mr. Oldham's deteriorating health, and his need to leave the meeting, no further business was able to be conducted and consideration of the private agenda papers stood adjourned to 27th November, 2024.

The Deputy Chairman thanked the public for attending and viewing the live-streaming and closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was continued at the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 27th November, 2024, at 7.00p.m.

Present: Mr. R. D. Cowell, Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs, G. S. Court, Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham and L. Parker.

A vacancy exists in North Ward.

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

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

(2024/25:203) Minutes Recorded in Private:

Resolved: That the Minutes, recorded in private, of Board Meeting held on 16th October, 2024, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

(2024/25:204) Policy Committee:

Resolved: To note the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 2nd October, 2024. It was further noted that further report on possible development of brown-field sites will be presented as part of the budget process.

(2024/25:205) Action Tracker November, 2024:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 14th November, 2024.

(2024/25:206) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 14th November, 2024, subject to the following:-

Victoria Mall – the Technical Services Manager informed members that the owner of the Victoria Mall will be appearing in Court on 28th November, and is understood to have changed the plea to guilty.

(2024/25:207) Ruinous Register:

Resolved: To note the Ruinous Register at 14th November, 2024, detailing properties within the Town about which there are concerns, subject to the following:-

Old Joke Shop – the Technical Services Manager updated members on the lack of progress being made in the demolition of this property owing to inter-actions between the owner and officers of Planning and Building Control.

Ms Craine asked if the Planning Officer could be contacted to determine if a solution could be found to progress works. No seconder was forthcoming.

An amendment was put by Mr. Beighton that in addition to communicating with the Planning Officer, the Commission authorise the engagement of a Structural Engineer, if necessary. The amendment was seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and carried nem con.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:208) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners:-

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's Report dated 13th November, 2024, advising of two appeals submitted to Treasury against the rates levied to their properties, such appeals to be heard by the Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed nem con, that the Commissioners be informed the Ramsey Town Commissioners agree with Treasury with regard to the first appellant that the rate levied, after initial adjustment, is fair.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Ms. Craine and agreed nem con that the Commissioners be informed the circumstances of the objection of the second appellant are outside the jurisdiction of the Ramsey Town Commissioners, as such they are not inclined to agree to any reduction in rateable value because of inaction by a third party.

(2024/25:209) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 13th November, 2024, subject to the following:-

Insurances – members also considered the Finance Officer's tabled report dated 27th November, 2024, with regard to insurances and noted the premium costs quoted therein. Following a proposal by seconded by and agreed nem con, authorised the Finance Officer to attempt to negotiate a further discount, and also authorised payment of the quoted premium should such negotiation fail.

2024-25 Budget Process – it was agreed following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, that percentage increases of 3% and 4% be included within the budget process for inflation and any nationally agreed pay awards, respectively.

Members queried additional account for legal fees received in respect of the failed boundary extension application.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Craine, that payment of an additional invoice be queried with the Chairman of the Boundary Extension Inquiry.

Works and Development:

(2024/25:210) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Trees and High Hedges...

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 5th November, 2024, advising of a problematic hedge that is encroaching a footpath and about which complaints have been received.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Ms Cottam-Shea seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con, that the owners be again requested to take action and in the absence of action by the owner the Commission rectify the encroachment and the cost be recovered from the owners.

Mr. Williams declared an interest.

(2024/25:211) Technical Assistant’s Report – Shipyard Road Proposed Double Yellow Lines:

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 14th November, 2024, advising of a request received by the Department of Infrastructure concerning the siting of double yellow lines at Shipyard Road, and seeking the Commission’s views before a traffic regulation Order is progressed.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Young and agreed nem con, the Department of Infrastructure be informed that the Commission is in support of the siting of double yellow lines, as suggested.

Housing and Property:

(2024/25:212) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – General Projects and Actions – Updates:

Resolved; To note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 12th November, 2024, in which an update is given on general projects.

Any Other Business:

(2024/25:213) Northern Chamber of Commerce:

Mr. Cowell referred to an email concerning the Northern Chamber of Commerce's wish to establish a steering group, with representatives from all sections of the Community, to work together to promote the Town. Members noted that the next meeting of the Chamber is to be held in February, 2025.

It was agreed the matter be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

(2024/25:214) Christmas Lights Switch-On:

Mr. Cowell commented on the success of the Christmas Lights Switch-on and in so doing proposed that the Commission record its thanks to the Farmers Combine Ltd., for their sponsorship of the advertising of the Town's Christmas Events. The proposal was seconded by Ms. Craine and carried nem con.

Other matters concerning establishment and budget were recorded in private.

With the exception of the Acting Town Clerk, officers left the meeting at 8.52 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
		Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie.	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC met the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 no response. Chased 11/1/23. TC proposes that the developer is left to cut the grass and maintain the area at his cost for 2023. Developer contacted our advocate proposing the POS is transferred (April 23). The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated. ATC emailed developer again for update	FGP	Nov-24	TRKC	Sep-23		
		Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park, 2 Industrial units used for retail.	Reported for investigation update awaited. Town Clerk has provided property ownership details to Planning Authority as occupier has not submitted appropriate application despite request to do so. Meeting with Enforcement Officer sought to be held on date to be advised. Further property report for alleged breach 25/2/21 and update requested. PEO advise regulating application to be submitted.	Planning contracted 21/7/22 re planning enforcement re SMS trading, they had not but will take enforcement action. Planning confirmed suspected breach is actively being progressed (13/9/22). Chased Dec 2022 and Feb 23 - no change. TC wrote to DEFA Minister, and response given to members at July 2023 board meeting. A new cycle shop has set up in another one of the units, DEFA have been informed. Awaiting conclusion of the planning process.	WD	Jun-24	TRKC	Jun-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 owner is seeking engagement on the property.	WD	May-24	SB	May-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. Appeals lodged in respect of refused applications - RTC submitted response.	FGP	Sep-24	TC	Jul-24		

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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
Dec-21		Adoption of land at Aldyn Walk, Ramsey.	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	All snagging works are not complete.	FGP	Nov-24	TC	Jul-24		Orange
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. Name have been refreshed.	WD	Nov-23	BW	Repairs 23/24		Orange
May-22		Bus services.	DTC wrote to Bus Vannin 21/4/22 regarding TT bus service and evening bus services towards the west. TC wrote to the new DOI Minister June 22. Reply received from Bus Vannin reported to Board.	Bus Vannin advice that the TT service is likely to be same as TT 2023 with services at 22.01, 22.35 and 23.10. They are looking at operating an N6 but this has not been confirmed. Keep on tracker to follow up with DOI in future.	FGP	Mar-24	SB	Apr-25		Green
Jul-22		Ramsey bags for life.	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags. 113 out of 200 have been sold of the original design and 97 out of 100 have been sold of the new design	PL	Sep-24	SB	Jul-25		Green
Jul-22		Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Mooragh Park shelters.	Three shelters underway or complete.	PL	Nov-24	SB	Jun-24		Green
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.		Jan-24	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24		Orange
Jul-23		Claughbane Public Open Space.	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS. Planning application approved.	ATC spoke with Developer, work being undertaken and documents to be drawn up.		Jul-24	TC	Dec-24		Green
Jan-24		BMX track.	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course.	Further meeting to take place in January	PL	Nov-24	SB	Sep-24		Green
Jul-24		Merger of Town Wards.	Request DOI to put forward a scheme under Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1982 to make a scheme to merge the current North and South Wards into one electoral district.	Scheme advertised. Deadline for feedback is 15 November 2024 Now with DOI to complete.	FGP	Nov-24	SB	May-25		Green
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.	PL	Sep-24	SB	Jul-25		Green
Jul-24		Hearing Loop for Board Room.	Look at options for provision of hearing loop within Board Room.	Portable unit declined by member. Looking at substantive provision.	HP	Aug-24	AF	Dec-24		Green

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Jul-24		Alternate Hard Standing Locations.	Identify alternate hard standing location options within Mooragh Estate.		WD	Jul-24	BW			
Sep-24	24/25:127	Waste Strategy.	Consultation from DOI. Respond to survey.	Submitted.	WD	Oct-24	BW	Sep-24		
Sep-24	24/25:128	Sprintfest 2025.	2024 completed. 2025 event to held using same format. Include in 2025-26 budget.		PL		SB	Jun-25		
Sep-24	24/25:141	Refuse Vehicle Replacement.	Progress Petition for Borrowing Powers.	Petition gone in for vehicle replacement.	FGP	Sep-24	BW/NC/SB	Oct-24		
Sep-24	24/25:143	Boathouse clock.	Clock faulty - authorise repairs.	Repairs instructed to be carried out. Due April.	PL	Dec-24	AF	Apr-25		
Sep-24	24/25:146	NCAS Committee.	Identify how to progress/make public aware of actions. Write further letter to NCAS Committee.	Letter sent 24/10/2024.	WD	Oct-24	BW			
Sep-24	24/25:148	Station Road Car Park.	Installation of cooling units. Liaise with interested parties to resolve.	Met with advocate and lease holder to resolve matter.	FGP/WD	Dec-24	SB	Jan-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. Further report in November.	FGP	Nov-24	NC	Oct-24		
Oct-24	24/25:167	Toilets at Station Road Car Park	Did RTC agree to enter into agreement regarding toilets at Station Road.	Resolved at 2023/24:369) for RTC to clean toilets if bought up to usable standard. Owner target date of end of Jan 2025 to offer to RTC to view and comment.	HP	Dec-24	AF	Feb-25		
Oct-24	24/25:170	Albert Street Flats	Further report	Petition being prepared	FGP	Nov-24	SB	Jan-25		
Oct-24	24/25:172	Courthouse / Community Hub	Progress Lease	Advocate prepared lease.	FGP/HP	Oct-24	SB	Nov-24		
Oct-24	24/15:173	Audit Fraud Questionnaire	Consider by Establishment Committee	Reported at Establishment	Estab	Nov-24	SB/NC	Dec-24		
Oct-24	24/25:179	Future Meetings	Arrange meetings Area Plan / with MHK's	MHK meeting arranged for 27 January 2025	WD/FGP	Oct-24	SB	Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:190	Area Plan North and East	Provide further report once further Cabinet Office response received	Awaiting Cabinet Office update	WD		SB	Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Dog Fouling	Raise awareness and report on fines					Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Cigarette Litter	Illustrations around drain covers - seek permission from Department for those on highways		WD		SB	Feb-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Town Warden Idling...Engines	Arrange training and investigate greater powers to enforce		FGP		SB	Feb-25		

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Projects 2023-24

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed, swimming group raising the required additional funds.	Steel frame in place, external cladding nearly complete, windows & internal seating to be completed soon.	HP	SB/AF	Sep-23	

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Projects 2024-25

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

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

Case Ref No	Property Address	Ruinous Register Entry Date	Commission's correspondance dates	Owner's correspondance dates	Stage	Letters of notices dates (if given)
	9 Auckland Lane	2019				
	Water Street Boundary Wall	2018				
	10/11 West Quay Old Joke Shop	2018	30/08/2024			21st August 2021 19th Jan 2022 4th July 2023 5th Oct 23 - extended November 23
				23/09/2024		
				07/10/2024		
			15/11/2024			
				17/11/2024		
			18/11/2024			
			06/12/2024 10/12/2024			
	Britannia Hotel	2019				
	Victoria Mall	2018	20/09/2024			15th December 2023
				23/09/2024		
			09/10/2024	09/10/2024		
				14/10/2024		
				29/11/2024		
			29/11/2024			
				29/11/2024		

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Case Ref No	Property Address	Ruinous Register Entry Date	Commission's correspondence dates	Owner's correspondence dates	Stage	Letters of notices dates (if given)
	Seymour House - Ballure Road	2018		16/05/2024		4th May 2021 28th October 2022 27th February 2023
	The Poplars - Bircham Ave, Ramsey	2019	13/12/2022			
	4 Hespera Terrace	2020				
	3 West Quay	2021				
	13 Water Street	2021				
	15 Water Street	2021				
	17 Water Street	2021				
	Old Odra Building Tower road	2021				
	Stanley Public House	2021				
	3 Cowell's Terrace	2018	13/08/2024	16/08/2024		1st May 2024
14/11/2024						
	St Olaves House Bowring Rd	2019				
	Railway Line	2022				
	Coffee Pot	2022	30/09/2022			

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Case Ref No	Property Address	Ruinous Register Entry Date	Commission's correspondance dates	Owner's correspondance dates	Stage	Letters of notices dates (if given)
	Sub-station - Tower Street	2022				
	21 Bowring Road	2023	04/03/2024			
				04/03/2024		
	2 Albion Terrace, Lezayre Road	2023	04/12/2023			
	Barry Curran's West Quay	2024	21/08/2024			
				21/08/2024		
	5 Marine Gardens	2024				
	4 Albert Street					
	5 College Street	2019				
	Cannon Court	2022	27/08/2024			
				28/08/2024		
	Close Woirrey Queens Pier Road	Oct-24				
	Cooil-Ny-Marrey Waterloo Road	Oct-24				

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ACCESS TO MINUTES 1964/65 – 1965/66
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Public Record Office have had a request from a researcher who would like to view the Ramsey Town Commissioners committee and board minutes from 1964-1965.

The request is to access the public and private minutes from meetings in held in the year 1964/65 and 1965/66 specifically relating to the Town Centenary in 1965. The person requesting the access as they are undertaking research for a proposed publication about Ramsey.

These records are currently closed to the public for 84 years as they contain a mixture of public and private minutes.

The Commission is being asked to consider whether it would wish to grant access to the private minutes within this period.

Under section 3(8) of the Public Records Act 1999, special permission may be granted for a specific person to access otherwise closed records. This may be appropriate if access is for research purposes which will be in the substantial public interest), or where allowing access is lawful and appropriate for that specific individual.

Members are therefore asked to consider if they wish these minutes to be “opened up” if it can be done in such a way that only those minutes relating to the centenary are accessed.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Elections (Keys & Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Cabinet Office has opened a consultation on legislative amendments contained within the draft Elections (Keys & Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024 (“The Bill”). The Bill contains proposals to update and improve procedures for local and national elections.

The Bill aims to address issues identified with the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, which was first implemented during the 2021 House of Keys election. Following that election, feedback from stakeholders highlighted several areas that could be improved. The Bill incorporates amendments required in order to apply these improvements and implement new initiatives approved by Tynwald. The amendments, if passed, will mean:

- Voters could cast their vote at any polling station within their constituency
- Candidates, political parties or community organisations can arrange pre-election meetings in-person or online at times and locations that work best for their local community.
- All candidates’ declarations of relevant interests will be published in advance of an election.
- Improved clarity that IOM Constabulary will support Deputy Returning Officers to address anyone committing a breach of the peace, or any offence, during an election.
- Tellers would not be bound by the requirement of secrecy so that they can lawfully perform their role.
- Changes to how investigations by Tynwald and the House of Keys could trigger the removal of an elected official from office (Recall provision).
- Clarifying the definition of ‘election regulations’ to be clear that they relate to either national or local authority elections.

The consultation is appended and Members are asked to consider if they would wish to submit a response.

The intention is to have the amended legislation in place in time for the House of Keys General Election scheduled for September 2026. The deadline for response is 12 pm on Wednesday 29th January 2025.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December 2024



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Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024

Public Consultation

Cabinet Office

December 2024

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Consultation Overview

Views are sought from the public on the draft Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024 (the "Bill").

The draft Bill is available to view or download as a related document on the [Consultation Hub](#) and should be considered alongside the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 (the "Act"), which is also linked on this consultation webpage. A keeling schedule of the Act (showing the amendments as they will sit in the Act) is also available as a related document.

The Bill is intended to fulfil several objectives:

1. Correct issues identified with the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020
2. Update elements of the Act to reflect current best practice.
3. Apply new initiatives recommended to and approved by Tynwald.

Introduction

The Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 was utilised for the first time at the 2021 House of Keys Election and following feedback from stakeholders several areas were identified that needed addressing, some of which required legislative amendment.

A delegation of international observers contributed to a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) report on the 2021 General Election.

In March 2024 an Electoral Commission report to Tynwald was submitted following consideration of specified electoral matters.

After considering both the CPA and Electoral Commission reports Tynwald issued instructions, the implementation of which requires some amendment of the Act and will be addressed by this Bill.

This Bill will amend several provisions of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, which are:

- Section 3 – Definitions - election regulations
- Section 22 – Powers to make regulations about the publishing of declarations of relevant interest in respect of candidates in Local Authority elections.
- Section 63 - Pre-election meetings
- Section 68 - Powers of Deputy Returning Officer for maintenance of the peace
- Section 81 - Powers to make regulations about the publishing of declarations of relevant interest in respect of candidates in National elections.
- Section 84 – Power to make regulations to enable a voter to be allotted more than one polling station within a constituency at which the vote may be taken.
- Section 88 – To make it an offence for a candidate to fail to disclose relevant interests.
- Section 107 - Tellers – removing the requirement to take an oath of secrecy.
- Sections 136, 140 and 152 – Update to enable a recall by a Tynwald Committee.

It is proposed that the amended legislation will be in place in time for the House of Keys General Election, scheduled in September 2026.

Previous consultation results addressed by the Bill

The results of previous consultations on electoral matters have been published and are available for review online on the Government Consultation Hub. The consultations requested feedback from a range of stakeholders. Links to the results of the consultations are below.

2018 – Elections that work for everyone

The public consultation '[Elections That Work for Everyone](#)', held in 2018, posed a series of high-level questions on how elections should run in the Isle of Man. The responses formed an important part of the review alongside the feedback from a range of direct stakeholders.

2020 – Modernisation of the Islands Electoral System 2020

The consultation '[Modernisation of the Island's Electoral System](#)' took the process forward by inviting views on a number of specific questions in respect of Electoral Registration and Election Legislation.

Proposed amendments and consultation questions

About You

Question 1: Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

- Yes, Local Authority (please specify)
- Yes, Deputy Returning Officers (Keys and Local Authorities)
- Yes, Tynwald Members
- Yes, other organisation (please specify)
- No

- If responding on behalf of a Local Authority, please select which:

Andreas, Arbory, Ballaugh, Braddan, Port Soderick, Bride, Castletown, Douglas (Eastfield), Douglas (St Georges), Douglas (Ballabrooie), Douglas (Willaston), Douglas (Glencrutchery), Garff, German, Jurby, Lezayre, Malew, Marown, Michael, Onchan, Patrick, Peel, Port Erin, Port St Mary, Ramsey, Rushen, Santon

- Other organisation:

Question 2: May we publish your response?

- Yes, you can publish my response in full
- Yes, you may publish my response anonymously
- No, please do not publish my response

Section 3 – Definitions – Election Regulations

An amendment is proposed to the definition of "election regulations" to clarify that these may relate to either national or local authority elections.

Question 3: Do you have any comments in relation to this amendment?

Sections 22 and 81 - Authority for Cabinet Office to publish declarations of relevant interest forms

The Act instructs that individuals seeking to stand as candidates must submit a Declaration of Relevant Interests, and candidates appointed since the introduction of the Act have produced said declarations.

The intention was for these declarations to be published as a matter of public interest however it was felt that the Act did not provide sufficient authorisation for these documents to be published. The proposed amendment to Sections 22 and 81 will provide the necessary authority to collect and publish all candidate's declarations of relevant interests.

Question 4: Do you agree that all candidates' declarations of relevant interests should be published in advance of an election?

Yes

No

Question 5: Based on your response to question 4, please could you summarise why you agree or disagree with publication of declarations of relevant interests?

Section 63 - Pre-election meetings

Prior to 2020 pre-election meetings were arranged on request by Captains of the Parish (in the same way as requisition meetings) or via the local authorities of Douglas, Castletown, Peel and Ramsey. In response to feedback that pre-election meetings were not always held, the organisation of pre-election meetings was addressed in the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020.

The Act currently requires the Cabinet Office to provide one pre-election meeting per Parish, plus one meeting in the towns of Castletown, Peel and Ramsey and each of the four Douglas constituencies.

In 2021 Cabinet Office organised pre-election meetings in advance of the Keys General Election with Captains of the Parish and Local Authorities invited to chair these public meetings. In feedback received following the 2021 General Election, stakeholders indicated dissatisfaction with the new process for pre-election meetings. In addition to the Cabinet Office pre-election meetings, local media outlets produced a significant amount of pre-election information much of which was available island-wide rather than limited to local areas.

The proposed amendment will remove Cabinet Office responsibility for organising one pre-election meeting per area (as mentioned above). This is intended to allow communities or organisations across the Isle of Man to arrange pre-election meetings to better match the requirements of the electorate. Candidates, political parties, or community organisations can arrange pre-election meetings on various platforms (in-person or online) at times and locations that work best for their local community.

Question 6: Do you have any comments in relation to this amendment?

Section 68 - Powers of deputy returning officer for maintenance of the peace

The Act gives deputy returning officers the powers to arrest, detain, try, and convict any person who offends against any of the provisions of the Act. These powers were retained from previous legislation however they have not been exercised nor is there any intention for them to be exercised.

This amendment therefore confirms that although a Deputy Returning Officer must maintain order at an election, any requirement to arrest, detain or remove any individual breaching the peace or committing an offence in relation to an election, would be dealt with via the IOM Constabulary and the IOM Courts as appropriate.

This amendment may not be applied so as to prevent an eligible person from voting.

Question 7: Do you have any comment on the proposed amendment of section 68?

Section 84 - Ability to vote in any polling station within a constituency

The Act provides that voters must vote at the polling station within their constituency which is nominated for them to attend.

During the 2021 Keys General Election digital technology was trialled which allowed voters within the South Douglas constituency to vote at any of the three polling stations within that constituency.

Following the successful 2021 trial, and in response to Tynwald's instructions to develop the use of digital options within the administration of elections, it is proposed to roll out the use of this technology island-wide at the 2026 Keys General Election.

In order to improve the accessibility of elections this amendment will allow individuals with accessibility needs to vote at the most appropriate polling station within their allotted constituency.

This proposed amendment changes the Act so that the regulations made under the Act would be able to permit a voter to attend to cast their vote at any polling station within their constituency (or another allotted area). This amendment would permit island wide voting however at present it is proposed to retain polling station allocations to within existing constituency boundaries.

Question 8: Do you agree that voters should have the option to vote in any polling station within an allotted area?

Yes

No

Question 9: Would you like to add any further comment in relation to question 5, or about this proposed amendment?

Section 88 – Data Protection clarification

The proposed amendment to this section makes clear, in relation to data protection legislation, the purpose for which the declaration of relevant interests may be published (see section 81 above). Nomination papers and declarations of relevant interests are official documents and the publication of them is a task conducted in the public interest.

Question 10: Do you have any comments in relation to this amendment?

Section 106 – Offences in respect of nomination papers etc.

The proposed amendment to this section makes clear an offence is committed if a person seeking to become a candidate fails to disclose any relevant interests within their declaration of relevant interests (see section 81 above).

Question 11: Do you have any comments in relation to this amendment?

Section 107 - Removing the requirement of secrecy for Tellers

Tellers are people who stand outside polling places and record the elector numbers of electors who have voted. They can then identify likely supporters who have not voted and encourage them to vote before the close of poll.

Tellers have no legal status, and voters can refuse to give information to them. The Deputy Returning Officer is in charge of the conduct of the election. If they are concerned by the activities of Tellers, the Deputy Returning Officers can ask Tellers to comply with agreed behaviour or leave the polling place.

The Act provides that Tellers are bound by the requirement of secrecy, effectively barring them from conducting their role i.e. inform candidates who has or has not voted. This amendment proposes to remove Tellers from the list of people named in the requirement of secrecy. This would allow them to fulfil their role lawfully however feedback has indicated some voters feel intimidated by Tellers requesting information outside polling stations.

Question 12: Should Tellers be removed from the list of those bound by the requirement of secrecy to allow them to lawfully perform their role?

Yes

No

Question 13: If you would like to share any additional comments on the role of Teller please add them below.

Section 136 – How a Member becomes subject to a recall petition process

Section 140 – Speakers notice that recall condition has been met

Section 152 - Definitions

Recall is a procedure by which voters can remove an elected official from office through a petition before that official's term of office has ended.

The Act currently provides for two conditions under which a Member of the House of Keys (MHK) may become subject to recall proceedings; the first condition is met if a Member is convicted of an offence and sentenced to custody, the second condition is met if a Member is suspended for a specified period following an investigation by a House of Keys committee.

Amendments are proposed to sections 136, 140 and 152 to provide for the addition of a third condition which would be met if a Member is suspended for a specified period following an investigation by a Tynwald committee.

Under current legislation any investigation by a Tynwald committee would need to be referred to a House of Keys committee in order to meet the conditions required for recall provision. These amendments as proposed would give equal weight to the outcome of investigations by either Tynwald or House of Keys committees when recall provision may be applicable. This would allow the recall mechanism to interact in a more efficient manner with the associated procedures of the Island's unique tricameral parliamentary system

Question 14: Do you support the proposed amendment to add a third condition which may trigger recall provision?

Yes

No

Question 15: Do you have any additional comments about the proposed amendment to recall provision conditions?

Question 16: Do you have any general comments or observations to make about this draft Bill?

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to consider the contents of this draft Bill and to provide your feedback on the proposed changes. Consultation responses will inform the briefing documents provided to Tynwald Members as the Bill passes through the Branches of Tynwald.

Consultation responses will also be collated and published on the [Consultation Hub](#) should you wish to review the outcome of this consultation.

Contact details

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE SEAHORSE COFFEE CO
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from the Seahorse Coffee Co to operate a mobile catering unit within the Town. Initially the unit would be selling drinks and cakes but this offering may expand.

The company wishes to operate the trailer in the vicinity of the South Promenade Shelter when the sauna is operating. It is initially being requested to operate at weekends to compliment the operation of sauna and in such a way to minimise impact on neighbours.

This is a new enterprise, and the company is in the process of getting the necessary appropriate registrations with DEFA.

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

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE THE HUTCH
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from The Hutch for a Street Trader's Licence to operate a mobile catering unit within the Town. The Hutch operates a take away business in Parliament Square.

The company wishes to operate the trailer along West Quay in Ramsey between Commercial Hotel and The Trafalgar.

The company wishes to trade on Friday and Saturday evenings between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. during the Christmas and New Year period. This request is being made to increase the customer base and generate business at a time when trade is quieter at the physical store during the challenging economic climate.

The company advises that their trailer is insured and registered with DEFA.

The Isle of Man Constabulary are being consulted on this request – as they have in respect of previous requests for evening licences of this type - and an update will be provided at the Board meeting.

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

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in November 2024 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 30th November 2024 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £345,433.25 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £30,941.68 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in November 2024. Details of the accounts paid and the suppliers utilised are attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure

A summary of the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 31st October is attached at Appendix 2.

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

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees & works	£124,688
Replacement street lighting columns	£55,945
Solar panels – Town Hall	£29,982
New telephones & communications system	£19,684
Upper Queen’s Pier Road refurbishment – initial prof. fees	£72,650
New rear door access – Town Hall	£6,276
Recycling collection housing	£3,943
Beach raft	£3,520
Jet washer – for general purposes	£2,639
Printer for Library	£2,470
Bircham Avenue survey	£2,025
South Beach shelter	£18,174
Associated fund-raising	(£10,689)

Recommendation: To be noted.

Finance Officer's General Report December 2024 - Public Continued:

Rates

On 1st December 2024 Treasury has supplied a 4th Supplemental Rating List for 2024 which indicates some changes in the gross and rateable values for the Town as follows:

	Gross £	Rateable £
Existing list	858,265	742,648
Valuations to be added	6,848	5,478
Valuations to be cancelled	<u>(2,530)</u>	<u>(2,024)</u>
Revised list	<u>862,583</u>	<u>746,102</u>

This 4th Supplemental Rating List includes agricultural hereditaments (i.e. farmland) which are only subject to water rates so do not increase the rateable value for the Town.

Treasury have also confirmed that the total rateable value for the Town at 1st December 2024 is £743,678 (2023 - £739,517). The increase of £4,161 equates to a 0.56% rise (2023 – £3,616 or 0.49% increase).

This rateable value is the figure we apply in our budget and rate setting calculations.

During November 2024 £52,236 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2024-25 financial year.

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

At this stage the total 2024-25 rate income received to date is £2,925,709 (compared to £2,705,051 for 2023-24).

Recommendation: To be noted.

11th December 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during November 2024

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	180,526.54
Various	Legal & consultancy fees - Housing	36,554.52
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	35,003.51
Various	Town events	14,724.90
Various	Commission property repair, maint. & safety checks	12,640.90
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	9,760.04
Manx Utilities	Water charges & Electricity supply	9,371.89
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	7,694.66
Various	Fuel & heating oil	6,470.97
Various	Legal & professional fees - non-housing	5,263.20
Various	IT costs	3,462.75
Swept Clean Road Sweeping Serv. Ltd.	Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire	3,216.00
Various	Tree surgery work	3,120.00
Various	Media & advertising	2,635.92
Various	Staff training	2,511.87
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	2,439.93
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,251.82
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,013.32
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,724.23
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,351.68
Various	Machinery servicing & repair	1,323.00
RTC	Petty cash	443.07
Various	Telephones	434.74
Various	Security & safety	329.81
Various	Park materials	113.98
Various	Gift vouchers	50.00
		345,433.25
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
Various	Waste disposal costs	13,066.42
Various	Recycling charges	6,275.22
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	5,437.42
Various	Site maintenance	1,924.33
Recruitment Works Ltd.	Contract labour	1,847.64
Ellan Vannin Fuels	DERV	1,507.80
Various	Equipment servicing & maintenance	510.00
Various	Staff training & PPE	275.41
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	77.46
Bank	Charges	19.98
		30,941.68

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during November 2024

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mann Hire Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Arven Chemicals Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Autosparks Ltd.	IOM	March Consultants Ltd.	IOM
Axis Consulting Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Mariannes Flowers	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Brendan Downey	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Office Equipment Centre 1978 Ltd.	IOM
Cameron Hall Services Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Penketh Millar Ltd.	IOM
Crossroads Manx Workshop	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Pristine Condition International Ltd.	UK
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Evolution Accounting Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct UK Ltd.	UK
Galaxy Fireworks	IOM	Stephen Morley Ltd.	IOM
Gear Industries Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Sure IOM Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
Independent Medical Services	IOM	Switched-on Entertainment & Events Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Test Meter Group	UK
IOM Post Office	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
JCK Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Viking Office UK Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Weighmann Ltd.	IOM
Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
L C Consultancy Ltd.	IOM	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	UK
Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	Workwear Express Ltd.	UK
Mannin Pressure Washing Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM	Zoo Video Communications Inc	USA

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30th NOVEMBER 2024 - Appendix 2

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	2,787,259	3,939,157	(1,151,898)	5,039,706	5,012,829	26,877
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	194	0	194	448	0	448
Brookfield Court	9,497	5,102	4,395	25,687	20,800	4,887
Close ny Mooragh	24,848	13,089	11,759	50,934	53,586	(2,652)
Sub Total	£2,821,798	£3,957,348	(£1,135,550)	£ 5,116,775	£ 5,087,215	£ 29,560

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Estimate for 2024-25		
				Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	118,053	22,780	95,273	230,449	25,293	205,156
Workshops	48,066	0	48,066	75,990	0	75,990
Public Conveniences	46,347	0	46,347	76,746	0	76,746
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	3,910	0	3,910	34,157	0	34,157
Mansail Lease	5,564	9,148	(3,584)	5,700	11,680	(5,980)
Lakeside Centre	3,979	7,218	(3,239)	4,778	12,546	(7,768)
Parklands Day Nursery	906	15,277	(14,371)	3,539	20,965	(17,426)
Bowling Alley	6,317	7,500	(1,183)	2,780	15,000	(12,220)
Non-Lease Properties	7,116	0	7,116	5,294	0	5,294
Prom shelters, benches, signs	27,428	0	27,428	30,625	0	30,625
Private Property Repairs	2,626	1,711	915	40,500	0	40,500
CCTV town centre	1,690	0	1,690	6,135	0	6,135
Apprentices	0	0	0	21,467	1,628	19,839
R.N.D.H.C.	16,604	13,931	2,673	15,955	17,551	(1,596)
Park assets	60,252	0	60,252	111,302	0	111,302
Sub Total	£363,658	£77,565	£286,093	£680,217	£104,663	£575,554

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Estimate for 2024-25		
				Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	2,158	0	2,158	4,463	0	4,463
Car Parks	12,021	19,795	(7,774)	31,112	28,903	2,209
Refuse Removal	516,962	99,612	417,350	872,357	173,334	699,023
Civic Amenity contribution	196,023	0	196,023	302,325	0	302,325
Sewers & Pumps	52,100	52,100	0	104,141	104,141	0
Street lighting & maint.	90,497	0	90,497	232,350	0	232,350
Decorative maint.	1,079	0	1,079	10,343	0	10,343
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	175,220	0	175,220	327,391	0	327,391
Sub Total	£1,046,060	£171,507	£874,553	£1,909,482	£306,378	£1,603,104

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Estimate for 2024-25		
				Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	62,416	15,605	46,811	78,068	16,000	62,068
Parks & Gardens	210,825	2	210,823	297,067	710	296,357
Games Concessions	622	0	622	1,280	0	1,280
Public Library	101,145	6,296	94,849	180,595	9,165	171,430
Sub Total	£375,008	£21,903	£353,105	£557,010	£25,875	£531,135

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Estimate for 2024-25		
				Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	53,391	0	53,391	139,679	0	139,679
Office Expenses	445,133	41,958	403,175	853,909	134,135	719,774
Sundry Expenses	7,794	0	7,794	9,582	0	9,582
Miscellaneous	29,743	28,647	1,096	62,148	34,419	27,729
Swimming Pool	45,197	0	45,197	45,111	0	45,111
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	556	58	498	1,368	506	862
Sub Total	£583,814	£70,663	£513,151	£1,113,797	£169,060	£944,737

TOTAL	£5,190,338	£4,298,986	£968,917	£ 9,377,281	£ 5,693,191	£ 3,684,090
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Town rates	£ -	£3,130,634	(£3,130,634)	£ -	£ 3,513,954	(£3,513,954)
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – DECEMBER, 2024 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

REF NO: 4151 (Re-advertised due to clerical error)
P.A. NO.: [24/00474/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of 2 no. dwellings, alteration to existing vehicular access and erection of replacement boundary wall (retrospective) to rear south boundary
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land to rear of The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4194
P.A. NO.: [24/91251/C](#)
PROPOSED: Change of use from office to children's play centre and dance studio
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Courtyard Suites, Albert Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4195
P.A. NO.: [24/91268/B](#)
PROPOSED: New build 6 storey apartment block containing 12 apartments and associated parking
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land/Garden adjacent to Isle of Alanis, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4196
P.A. NO.: [24/91276/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of detached garden room to rear of dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Merryhills, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

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December 2024 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4197
P.A. NO.: 24/91324/B
PROPOSED: Erection of 3 detached townhouses
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land adjacent to St Olaves, Jurby Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4198
P.A. NO.: 24/91328/B
PROPOSED: Widening of vehicular access and improvements to driveway
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **2, Lezayre Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4199
P.A. NO.: 24/91341/B
PROPOSED: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of Sun Room
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Denmar, Grove Mount, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

10th December, 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
VICTORIA MALL - UPDATE
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

On the 28th November 2024, Ramsey Town Commissioners took the owner of the Victoria Mall to court for failing to comply with a Section 24 Notice under the Building Control Act 1991 by the Commission.

The Magistrates took note of the demolition order from July 2022 and the complete lack of action since.

The sentence was as follows:

- 1) A fine of £1,500.00.
- 2) A continuing daily fine of £50.00 per day from today until the work is completed to the satisfaction of RTC
- 3) Our full costs applied for of £8,612.52

Recommendation: for Noting.

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

9th December, 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
MANX CLASSIC SPRINT
DECEMBER 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Longton and District Motor Club has submitted a request to close some roads to allow the staging of the Manx Classic Sprint 2025. This event has run for a number of years in a similar format.

This annual event was previously organised by the Manx Motor Racing Club and covers three different closures on three consecutive days at the end of April and into early May each year.

For 2025 those events will be held on the following dates:

Date	Venue	Time
Thursday 24 th April	The Sloc, Near Port Erin	09.00 a.m. to 17.30 p.m.
Friday 25 th April	Creg Willey's Hill, Glen Helen	09.00 a.m. to 17.00 p.m.
Saturday 26 th April	Lhergy Frissell, Ramsey	09.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m.

An associated suspension of parking for Lheany Road has also requested and granted in previous years.

Members are asked to consider if they are supportive of this event and associated road closure and suspension of parking on Saturday 26th April 2025.

Recommendation: support event and associated road closure and suspension of parking

H S Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
MOORAGH LAKE – ISLAND GAMES 2029
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from the organising committee of the 2029 Island Games requesting the use of the Mooragh Lake for one Sunday during the Games for an event.

The exact dates of the Games is yet to be confirmed it is likely this will be known in 2025.

Any permission would be granted in conjunction with the operator of the lake.

Members are therefore asked to consider if they wish to grant permission to the Island Games 2029 to use the Mooragh Lake.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
PROPOSED HOSPICE HALF MARATHON
DECEMBER 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Officers have been contacted by Hospice Isle of Man regarding a new event it wishes to stage in 2025.

Hospice Isle of Man is expanding its fund-raising activities to include some new major sports events, that we hope will appeal to a mass participation audience. To this end, we have liaised closely with the IOM Athletics Association and with their endorsement and support, believe we can bring an exciting, brand-new entrant to the Isle of Man sporting calendar, with an unlimited field of participants tackling the classic challenge of a Half Marathon.

The organisers hope that this event can take place on fully closed roads in the North of the Island, centred in the heart of Ramsey and expect the full range of participants to be attracted – everything from the fancy dress charity runners, through to competitive athletes from both at home and across the water. In addition to the main event, there will be a 5Km race and Kids races – ideally around the streets of the town itself.

To fit in with the local Athletics calendar and complement, rather than clash with races of a similar type it expected that the event would take place on either **Sunday 16th or Sunday 23rd March 2025.**

The organisers are seeking support from the Commission for the event and specifically for logistical support – the use of crash barriers etc. The organisers will continue to liaise with the Commission in respect of the road closures that would be required to support the event.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

9th December 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION - PEDESTRIANISATION
DECEMBER, 2024 - PUBLIC**

The following Notice of Motion, dated 10th November, 2024, standing in the name of Ms L. L. Craine was submitted to the November, 2024, meeting of the Commissioners.

In terms of 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.

“Pedestrianisation

Pedestrianisation aims to improve a pedestrian's safety and mobility. In its guidance on pedestrian safety, the World Health Organisation finds that pedestrianisation not only improves safety for pedestrians but also contributes to lower levels of noise and air pollution. Pedestrianisation helps in reducing all these pollutants in the air by banning the use of motor vehicles, hence improving lungs and respiratory system health. Clean air intake in respiration leads to many health benefits and safety from fatal diseases of lungs. Pedestrianising or 'pacifying' streets increases local revenues for businesses, reduces pollution, protects health and improves children's autonomy. Towns around the world are opting for more humane high-streets. A pedestrian-friendly street reduces stress levels by providing walkers with a place where they can take a break from their daily routines. This makes them feel better about themselves as well as their city or town. Pedestrian-friendly streets increase property values because they make the area look nicer. Data on streets where the pedestrian experience has been improved shows footfall increasing 20-35%. Multiple case study evidence suggests that well-planned improvements to these public spaces can boost footfall and trading by up to 40%. Discussions have taken place between Lamara Craine as a Town Commissioner and delivery drivers, businesses owners and local residents. Delivery drivers have expressed their thoughts on how traffic flow can be altered to best suit their requirements. Some business owners are keen to increase footfall by reducing traffic flow and utilise opened up space on pavements outside their businesses. On the other hand, it has also been argued that there are also some downsides to pedestrianisation, as it may cause disruption as permanent schemes can cause traffic build-up in the short-term, put pressure onto public transport operators and could event isolate key businesses relying on vehicle access. Therefore the need for a well considered and consulted on plan is vital.

**Notice of Motion – Pedestrianisation
December, 2024 – Public Continued:**



Proposal 1: Pedestrianisation Consultation

An online consultation questionnaire focusing on businesses be created and uploaded to RTC's website and promoted on RTC's social media.

Proposal 2: Pedestrianisation Report

Following the receipt of the results of the consultation, RTC staff will prepare a report of the findings of the consultation and a report of the pedestrianisation options which could be implemented.

Proposal 2: Pedestrianisation Trial

Notwithstanding the results of the consultation or board reports, a trial be conducted during the summer from the beginning of May to the end of September on every Saturday between the hours of 10am and 2pm along Parliament Street between Christian Street and Crellin's Lane. Flower planters with wheels will be used to mark the beginning of the pedestrian friendly area and road signs will be in place to notify vehicle users. Reverse traffic flow will be directed southwards from the Quay entering East Street allowing deliveries and commercial vehicles to enter East Street to service the businesses on east side of the pedestrianisation of Parliament Street from Crellin's Lane. The trial will last for three seasons and can be made permanent thereafter dependent on the will of the Board of Commissioners in office. The trial will be publicised using news outlets, social media, the website and posters.”

11th December, 2024.