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9<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday evening next, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

#### **A vacancy exists in North Ward.**

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- Board Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

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(by permission of Chairman)

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



H. S. Bevan,  
Deputy 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, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, at 7.00p.m.

**Present:** Mr. R. D. Cowell, Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine (remotely), Messrs. A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court (part private only from 8.12 p.m.), A. J. Oldham, L. Parker and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Messrs' Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness and F. B. R. Williams.

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.

**Mr. S. Kelly** – The Chairman referred to the sad death of Mr. Stephen Kelly, a member of the Commission for North Ward, whose funeral had taken place on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Members stood in memory of Mr. Kelly.

**(2024/25:218) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, and those of the Board Meeting reconvened on 27<sup>th</sup> November, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the correction in Clause 196.1.iv – that the vote was carried by 4 votes to 2 and not 4 votes to 4, as recorded.

**(2024/25:219) Matters Arising:**

Mr. Oldham proposed that his Notice of Motion included within the Private Agenda, concerning the Sea Swimmers' Shelter, be brought into public. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Young and agreed nem con.

Ms Craine suggested that consideration of the Notice, in terms of Standing Orders, be deferred to the next meeting of the Commission. The Chairman indicated that it was his prerogative to decide when the Notice is considered and indicated that it would be considered at the end of the public business at this meeting.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2024/25:220) Action Tracker December, 2024:**

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

**(2024/25:221) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:**

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

**(2024/25:222) Ruinous Register:**

Resolved: To note the Ruinous Register at 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, detailing properties within the Town about which there are concerns, subject to the following:-

Ms Craine asked if any update from the planners was available with regard to the Old Joke Shop. The Technical Services Manager indicated that further information would be given to members in the private section of the meeting.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2024/25:223) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Access to Minutes 1964/65 – 1965/66:**

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's reported dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising of the request made that the Commissioners permit access minutes for 1964/65 and 1965/66, now held at the public records office, for research relating to the Centenary of the Town in 1965.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that permission be granted.

Mr. Oldham expressed a concern that this action might create a precedent. The Acting Town Clerk advised that any sensitive information within the minutes would need to be redacted; that this is a "one-off" application and any future requests would also be subject to the Commission's approval.

**(2024/25:224) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Elections (Keys & Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024:**

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's reported dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising of receipt of a public consultation opened by The Cabinet Office on legislative amendments pertinent to the above titled Bill. A copy of the questionnaire comprising the consultation was appended to the report.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed nem con, members submit any comments they wish to make on within the consultation to the Acting Town Clerk to facilitate preparation of a composite response.

Ms Craine commented that she was disappointed that the proposals did not include provision for electronic voting.

**(2024/25:225) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Application Street Trader’s Licence – Seahorse Coffee Co:**

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s reported dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising of receipt of an application for a street trader’s licence to permit the operation of a mobile catering unit in the vicinity of the sea swimmers’ shelter on Queen’s Promenade, initially at weekends to compliment the operation of the sauna.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 6 votes to 1, Mr. Parker voting against, a street trader’s licence be issued.

**(2024/25:226) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Application Street Trader’s Licence – The Hutch:**

In considering the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, members were informed that the applicant had earlier in the day, asked to amend the request submitted for a street trader’s licence from trading from a trailer along West Quay between 8 p.m. and 11.00 p.m. during the Christmas and New Year period, to also include trading in the vicinity of the sea swimmers’ shelter.

The Chairman indicated he was not willing to permit consideration of the additional request this evening, and in progressing consideration of the report declared an indirect pecuniary interest.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Young and agreed nem con – Mr. Cowell did not vote, a street trader’s licence be issued.

The acting Town Clerk informed members that he had discussed the application with the Isle of Man Constabulary who had raised no objection.

**(2024/25:227) Finance Officer’s General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s general report dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

The Finance Officer gave details of some of the larger payments listed and invited members to make contact him should they have any queries on the report or its appendices.

**Works and Development:**

**(2024/25:228) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Planning Applications:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 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: 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**

Members’ attention was drawn to this application because of concerns raised by the Ecosystem Policy Team; and comments made by MUA and a received complaint.

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**

Members’ attention was drawn to this application.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con, no objections be made to either application.

**(2024/25:229) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Victoria Mall Update:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising of the outcome of the court case against the owner of Victoria Mall following action taken in terms of a Section 24 Notice issued under the Building Control Act 1991.

Ms Craine expressed her thanks to the staff and the Technical Services Manager in particular for all the work involved in this matter and her hope that the works would now be undertaken.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2024/25:230) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Manx Classic Sprint:**

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising that the Longton and District Motor Club has submitted an application for road closures to facilitate the Manx Classic Sprint in April 2025, and also that the Club is seeking the support of the Commission to the road closure for the Lhergy Frissell Hill Climb on 26<sup>th</sup> April, and also for the suspension of parking in Lheaney Road.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Cowell, and agreed nem con, the Commission support the Road Closure and suspension of parking.

**(2024/25:231) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Mooragh Lake Island Games 2029:**

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising of the request made by the organising Committee of the Island Games 2029 to use the Mooragh Lake for one Sunday, the date of which has yet to be confirmed, during the games.

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

**(2024/25:232) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Proposed Hospice Half Marathon:**

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, advising of the request made by the Hospice Isle of Man seeking support of their proposal to hold a Half Marathon, in addition to other events, on either 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025, and for which a road closure will be required.. Hospice is also seeking logistical support by way of the provision of crash barriers.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con, support of the event and logistical support be given.

**(2024/25:.233) Notice of Motion – Pedestrianisation:**

Ms Craine presented her Notice of Motion under the heading “Pedestrianisation” and reminded members of her notice that Parliament Street be pedestrianised. A proposal was put by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Young that in view of the opposition of traders and others the Commission do not pursue further any proposal to close Parliament Street to pedestrians.

The Chairman read a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, received from the Northern Chamber of Commerce expressing their opposition and that of numerous traders to the proposals and to the way in which it was promoted via social media .

Before any vote was taken Ms Craine advised members that her Notice was in three parts and that she wished the matters to be considered severally.

***Proposal 1 – Pedestrianisation Consultation*** – A proposal by Ms Craine that an online consultation questionnaire be created and uploaded to the Commission’s website and promoted on their social media. Mr. Oldham had appeared to second the proposal but indicated that he had mis-understood the stage of voting and confirmed that he was not seconding this proposal. The proposal did not receive a seconder and therefore failed.

***Proposal 2 – Pedestrianisation Report*** – the Chairman indicated that Ms Craine’s proposal that reports be progressed following the consultation had automatically failed because of failure of Proposal 1.

***Proposal 3 – Pedestrianisation Trial*** - the Chairman indicated that Ms Craine’s proposal that following consultation and reports a trial be held had also automatically failed because of failure of Proposal 1.

Ms Craine then proposed that officers prepare a report to the Commission on options on pedestrianisation available which could be implemented. This proposal did not receive a seconder.

The original proposal put by Mr. Beighton, which had been seconded by Mr. Young was put to the vote and carried by 6 votes to 1, Ms Craine voted against.

**Matter Brought into Public:**

**(2024/25:234) Notice of Motion Shelter Queen’s Promenade:**

In presenting the Notice of Motion dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, standing in his name Mr. Oldham indicated that he had been speaking with representatives of the sea-swimmers and now proposed that a memorial bench be provided to commemorate the involvement of Mr. Stephen Kelly with the shelter project from its inception. He also advised that a memorial plaque was suggested for inside the shelter to acknowledge those who made donations towards it. Mr. Oldham also suggested that the bench might also commemorate the late Mr. Singer.

Mr. Beighton indicated his support for the sentiment but expressed his only concern about access for other events and therefore proposed an amendment to investigate the site concisely prior to permitting a bench to be sited and if insufficient space is available a plaque to Mr. Kelly be placed on the shelter. Mr. Cowell seconded the amendment and indicated that he would personally fund a bench. The amendment was put to the vote and carried nem con.

Mr. Oldham informed members that the shelter would be formally opened on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, by Lady Lorimer.



**Any Other Business:**

**(2024/25:235) Community Events:**

The Acting Town Clerk took the opportunity to advertise the following seasonal events:-

*Community Carol Singing with Ramsey Town Band* – Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, at 4.00 p.m. This would now be held at the Town Hall because of the anticipated inclement weather.

*Carol-oke* – an event organised by Ramsey Branch RNLI to be held on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, at the Lifeboat Station at 2.00 p.m.

In closing the meeting at 8.00 p.m. the Chairman took the opportunity to wish the public and media representative in attendance and those watching the live-stream a Happy Christmas.

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.

**(2024/25:236) Minutes Recorded in Private:**

Resolved: That the Minutes recorded in private of Board Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2024/25:237) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

**(2024/25:238) On-Going Matters “Ruinous Register Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Ruinous Register” to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, subject to the following:-

**Old Joke Shop** – the Technical Services Manager advised members that a specialist report was awaited the content of which would determine what action, if any, would be required to be taken.

Mr. Court attended the meeting at this stage, 8.12 p.m.

**3 Cowell’s Terrace** – the Technical Services Manager advised members that a meeting has been arranged with the owners of this property.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2024/25:239) Finance Officer's Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, subject to the following:-

*Aged Debtors* – the Finance Officer advised that some of the debts listed had been paid since compilation of the appendix.

The Finance Officer reminded members that he was available to answer any queries on any items pertaining to the finances of the Commission.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2024/25:240) Minutes Housing Committee:**

Because the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, was inquorate Mr. Parker, as Lead Member, went through the recommendations contained within the report of the meeting, as follows:-

**Clause 62a) Close Woirrey** – Proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 7 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against, that permission be sought from the Department of Infrastructure to utilise funding from the slae of Albert Street Flats for the demolition of Close Woirrey.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, that a Petition for borrowing powers be submitted to fund redevelopment of Close Woirrey to Tender Stage.

**Clause 62b) Upper Queen's Pier Road** – Proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that a Petition for borrowing powers be submitted fund works required at certain properties at Upper Queen's Pier Road to Tender I3 Stage.

**Clause 62c) Cronk Elfin Refurbishment** – Proposed by Mr. Young seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 7 votes to 1, that the amenity circle at Cronk Elfin be reinstated with kerbs to its original grassed state. Ms Craine voted against and asked that a letter be sent to the tenants seeking their opinion. Members were reminded that this had already been done and tenants had indicated that they wished the area to be reinstated as it was.

Clauses 070a and 070b) Properties Upper Queen's Pier Road – members were informed that it would be necessary to rehome the tenants of the properties detailed within the clauses when work to those properties was being carried out.

It was formally proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Report of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, be ratified.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2024/25:241) Northern Civic Amenity Site:**

Ms Craine asked if Minutes of the last meeting of the Northern Civic Amenity Site were available? Members were informed not. Ms Craine informed members of her understanding that the Chairman, as the Commissioners' representative on the NCAS Committee was to have made statement to rectify erroneous information being presented in the public sector. The Chairman advised that it had not yet been considered appropriate to do so.

Ms Craine formally proposed that the Commission, as owners of the NCAS Facebook, make public comment of facts and costings associated with the Site to dispel myths circulating. The proposal did not receive a seconder.

**(2024/25:242) Albert Road Site – Car Parking:**

Mr. Oldham asked if the site of the former Albert Road School be used for car parking over the festive season.

Mr. Beighton raised concerns about Government restraints and the need for planning permission. Ms Craine indicated that if Mr. Oldham had made a formal proposal she would second it.

Mr. Oldham then formally proposed that the Commission apply for planning permission to utilise the former Albert Road School Site for car parking. This was seconded by Mr. Young. Members were informed that it was unlikely that planning permission would be granted in time if it were to be granted.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Beighton that pre-enquiry be made to determine if the site could be used for car parking. This was seconded by Mr. Parker and carried by 6 votes to 2. Ms Craine and Mr. Cowell voting against.

The meeting closed at 8.47 p.m. giving a time of 3 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. <b>ATC emailed developer again for update</b>	FGP	Dec-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. <b>Awaitng conclusion of the planning process.</b>	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. <b>The Stanley owner is seeking engagement on the property.</b>	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. <b>Appeals lodged in respect of refused applications - RTC submitted response.</b>	FGP	Sep-24	TC	Jul-24		

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

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
Dec-21		Adoption of land at Auldyn Walk, Ramsey.	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	All snagging works are not complete.	FGP	Dec-24	TC	Mar-25		
Jun-18		War Memorial (repair and renovation).	Memorial added to the Register of Protected Buildings 2021. TSM to meet the War Memorial committee representative to discuss cleaning of the memorial and future works 10/2/21. No costs have been included in the RTC 2022/23 budget. War memorial committee want minimal intervention and work on the memorial (it is about maintenance and not restoration).	Clean the memorial. Prepare project and costs for repairs to the memorial 2023/24 financial year. Drain survey undertaken 5/9/22; drains go to soakaways, one of which appears to be silted up. The memorial has been cleaned prior to 11/11/24. Names have been refreshed.	WD	Nov-23	BW	Repairs 23/24		
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		
Jul-22		Ramsey bags for life.	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags. 113 out of 200 have been sold of the original design and 97 out of 100 have been sold of the new design	PL	Sep-24	SB	Jul-25		
Jul-22		Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Mooragh Park shelters.	Three shelters underway or complete.	PL	Nov-24	SB	Jun-24		
Nov-22		Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate	Quotes received and forwarded to the potential purchasers. Now with the advocates. First sale complete.		Jan-24	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24		
Jul-23		Claughbane Public Open Space.	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS. Planning application approved.	ATC spoke with Developer, work being undertaken and documents to be drawn up.		Jul-24	TC	Dec-24		
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		
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		
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		
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		
Jul-24		Alternate Hard Standing Locations.	Identify alternate hard standing location options within Mooragh Estate.		WD	Jul-24	BW			

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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
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 2025.	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	Jan-25	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. All appropriate contribution invoices now raised.	FGP	Jan-25	NC	Oct-24		
Oct-24	24/25:167	Toilets at Station Road Car Park	Did RTC agree to enter into agreement regarding toilets at Station Road.	Resolved at 2023/24:369) for RTC to clean toilets if bought up to usable standard. Owner 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 submitted	FGP	Jan-25	SB	Jan-25		
Oct-24	24/25:172	Courthouse / Community Hub	Progress Lease	Advocate prepared lease.	FGP/HP	Dec-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	Enquiries ongoing about options to increase fixed penalty.		01/01/2025		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		
Dec-24	24/25	Access to Public Records	Advise Public Records Office of permission	Advised	FGP	Jan-25	SB	Jan-25	Jan-25	
Dec-24	24/25	Election Consultation	Await input from members pre response	No input received form Members	FGP	Jan-25	SB	Jan-25		
Dec-24	24/25	Street Traders Seahorse	Grant permission - check location	Operator notified - location to be agreed	FGP	Jan-25	SB	Mar-25		
Dec-24	24/25	Street Traders The Hutch	Grant permission Festive - add back for permission to trade by sea shelter	Operator notified. See Board Report		Jan-25	SB	Jan-25		
Dec-24	24/25	Sea Shelter - memorial bench	check space at location also official opening any arrangements to be put in place	Shelter incorporates sapce for bench at eastern gable	WD	Jan-25	AF	Jan-25		

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**Projects 2024-25**

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
2	Apr-24	<b>Street lighting</b>	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		<b>IT &amp; communications</b>	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	<b>Vollan Campervan site</b>	Site discharge drain	Planning Application Submitted.	Planning approval required, Flood Risk Assessment to be completed	WD	BW/AF	Apr-25
13	Apr-24	<b>Trees</b>	Surveys & necessary work	Order placed	Works being undertaken	WD	BW	Apr-25
15	Apr-24	<b>Signs</b>	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	<b>Office furniture</b>	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	<b>Courthouse windows</b>	Provision subject to challenge to Registered Buildings Officer: Grants	Identify funding source, and prepare grant application.	Planning Application Approved. Prices being sought for works.	H&P	AF	Jan-25
21	Apr-24	<b>Ruinous buildings</b>	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	<b>Riverside Workshop CCTV</b>	3 new cameras & upgrade viewing monitor	Confirm specification.	Awaiting installation.	H&P	AF	Sep-24
23	Apr-24	<b>Coronation Park play surfaces</b>	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	<b>Staffing</b>	1 full-time staff, Works & Development	Commence recruitment process	Recruitment completed - start dates agreed.	WD	BW	May-24
25	Apr-24	<b>South Beach</b>	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	<b>BMX Track maintenance</b>	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	<b>GDPR / FOI support</b>	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			
			Lots between 20/12/24 - 06/01/25	Lots between 20/12/24 - 06/01/25		
	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		
				20/12/2024		
				06/01/2025		
			06/01/2025			

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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)
				07/01/2025		
	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	2021				
	Stanley Public House	2021				
	3 Cowell's Terrace	2018	13/08/2024			1st May 2024
				16/08/2024		
				14/11/2024		
					06/01/2025	
	St Olaves House Bowring Rd	2019				
	Railway Line	2022				
	Coffee Pot	2022	30/09/2022			
	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				

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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)
	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  
Elections (Keys & Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024  
JANUARY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Further to my report for the December 2024 meeting of the Commission regarding the consultation on legislative amendments contained within the draft Elections (Keys & Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024 ("The Bill") a draft response to the consultation is attached.

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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Recommendation:** for discussion.

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

9<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**Isle of Man**  
**Government**

*Reiltys Ellan Vannin*

# 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?**

No
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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?**

No
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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?**

How will this work in practice.

Dissappointed to notice that Electronic Voting has not been introduced.

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?**

No

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?**

The Commission was disappointed that provision for electronic voting had not been incorporated in these amendments to the legislation.

## 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

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact:

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION  
JANUARY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The next Local Authority General Election is due to take place on Thursday 24 April 2025.

You can check to see if you are on the Electoral Register for Ramsey at Ramsey Town Hall during normal office hours. It is also possible to view the register at Government Offices.

Those wishing to stand as candidate or vote in this election **must** be on the Electoral Register.

The deadline for applying to be on the Electoral Register to stand as a candidate is 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The deadline for registering to vote is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Those wishing to register as new elector to update their address can do so online at <https://services.gov.im/electoral-register/> .

**Recommendation:** for noting.

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

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE THE HUTCH  
JANUARY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received the following request from The Hutch for a Street Traders Licence:

*I am writing to kindly request permission to use my catering trailer on the roadside of South Beach, Ramsey. My aim is to support the local community by providing early morning coffee, breakfast, and snacks to those enjoying the nearby river sea sauna and local sea swimming activities, to boost revenue & employment.*

*Proposed Benefits:*

*1. Support for Local Community Activities:*

*My service will complement the vibrant sea swimming culture and the RiverSea Sauna, offering a convenient option for refreshments. This enhances the overall experience for both locals and visitors.*

*2. Encouragement of Healthy Lifestyles:*

*By providing nutritious breakfast options and hot drinks, I hope to encourage and sustain the growing interest in outdoor swimming and wellness activities in the area.*

*3. Tourism and Economic Boost:*

*A well-placed catering trailer could attract more visitors to South Beach, enhancing its reputation as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts, while also contributing to the local economy.*

*4. Sustainability and Local Sourcing:*

*I plan to incorporate sustainable practices, such as using biodegradable packaging and sourcing ingredients locally where possible, to align with community values and environmental goals.*

*5. Convenience and Accessibility:*

*The location is ideal for providing quick, accessible food and drink options to those who may not want to leave the area for refreshments, particularly early in the morning when other amenities might not be available.*

*I am happy to discuss any necessary arrangements, including adherence to town regulations, waste management, and operating hours.*

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

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**  
Deputy Town Clerk

9<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
JANUARY 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in December 2024 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £1,425,340.51 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £10,996.55 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in December 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 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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	£56,445
Solar panels – Town Hall	£29,982
New telephones & communications system	£19,684
Upper Queen’s Pier Road refurbishment – initial prof. fees	£88,020
Close Woirrey redevelopment – initial fees	£7,250
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

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

**Accounts paid during December 2024**

**Appendix 1**

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b><u>General Account</u></b>		<b>£</b>
Banks	Capital loan repayment	493,719.28
Banks	Capital loan interest	394,310.12
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	187,349.74
Insurance broker	Balance of 2024-25 premiums	149,403.70
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	43,892.78
IOM Government	Waste disposal charges at EFW Plant	40,425.56
Various	Legal & consultancy fees - Housing	20,668.88
Various	Commission property repair, maint. & safety checks	13,394.68
Various	Legal & professional fees - non-housing	13,307.88
Various	Fuel & heating oil	10,866.52
Manx Utilities	Water charges & Electricity supply	10,737.26
Various	Tree surgery work	8,100.00
Swept Clean Road Sweeping Serv. Ltd.	Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire	8,040.00
Various	Street lighting maintenance	6,607.60
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	5,299.52
Various	Telephones	3,379.26
Various	Town events	3,068.90
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,975.80
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,251.82
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	1,663.06
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,417.69
Various	IT costs	1,154.31
Various	Machinery servicing & repair	1,126.23
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	758.74
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	737.96
Various	Park materials	315.44
Various	Security & safety	247.78
Various	Gift vouchers	120.00
		<b>1,425,340.51</b>
<b><u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u></b>		
Recruitment Works Ltd.	Contract labour	4,990.19
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	3,506.18
Various	Equipment servicing & maintenance	1,150.75
Various	Site maintenance	552.40
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	332.87
Various	Recycling charges	198.13
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Telephones	176.74
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	69.31
Bank	Charges	19.98
		<b>10,996.55</b>

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during December 2024

### Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
AMRobotic Mowers Ltd.	IOM	March Consultants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Marksmann Locksmith	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	MC <sup>2</sup> Consulting Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Cameron Hall Services Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Northern Men in Sheds	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Cuplas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Orona Ltd.	UK
Curtins Consulting Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Diversesigns Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Event Lighting Services Ltd.	IOM	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	RGS Pep Band	IOM
Gala Lights Ltd.	UK	Roc Vannin	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Rosborough Insurance IOM Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Rowany Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct UK Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Smith of Derby Ltd.	UK
IOM Post Office	IOM	Sure IOM Ltd.	IOM
Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM	Team Viewer Germany GmbH	Ger.
K Davies t/a 3 Legs Golf	IOM	TE Cubbon Ltd.	IOM
Kinrade Construction Ltd.	IOM	The Garage Door & Gate Automation Co.	IOM
Lezayre Parish Commissioners	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
Mannin Pressure Washing Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
Manx Roots Ltd.	IOM	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	UK
Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM	Woodworks	IOM
ManxTints	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

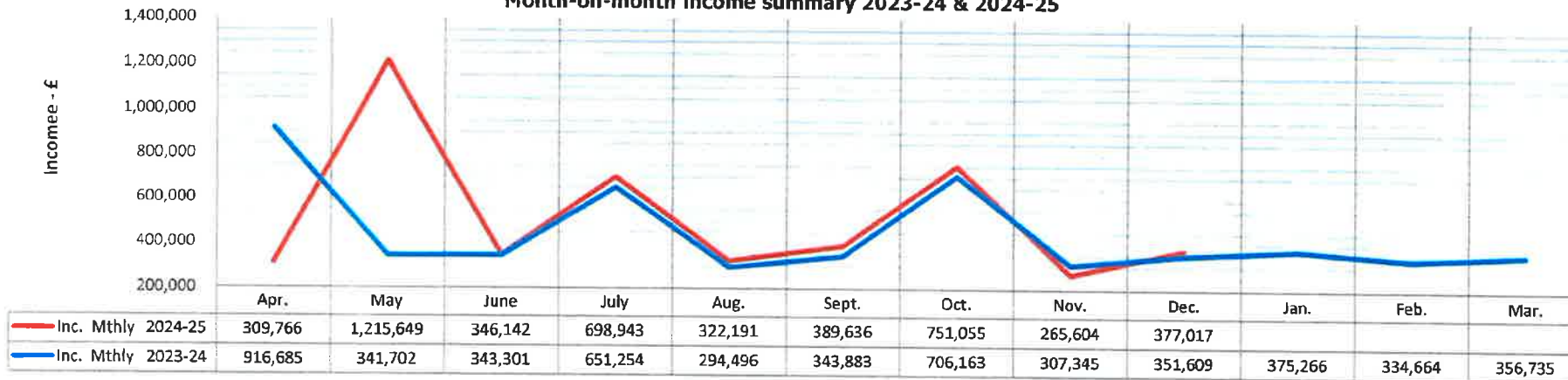
**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024 - Appendix 2**

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Social Housing</b>						
Housing Schemes	3,744,759	4,267,628	(522,869)	5,039,706	5,012,829	26,877
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Glass	290	0	290	448	0	448
Brookfield Court	12,401	5,102	7,299	25,687	20,800	4,887
Close ny Mooragh	28,289	13,131	15,158	50,934	53,586	(2,652)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£3,785,739</b>	<b>£4,285,861</b>	<b>(£500,122)</b>	<b>£ 5,116,775</b>	<b>£ 5,087,215</b>	<b>£ 29,560</b>
<b>Property and Assets</b>						
Town Hall	177,578	24,769	152,809	230,449	25,293	205,156
Workshops	70,945	0	70,945	75,990	0	75,990
Public Conveniences	52,972	0	52,972	76,746	0	76,746
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	5,564	0	5,564	34,157	0	34,157
Mansall Lease	6,683	9,148	(2,465)	5,700	11,680	(5,980)
Lakeside Centre	5,867	9,881	(4,014)	4,778	12,546	(7,768)
Parklands Day Nursery	3,742	15,277	(11,535)	3,539	20,965	(17,426)
Bowling Alley	6,317	11,250	(4,933)	2,780	15,000	(12,220)
Non-Lease Properties	8,583	0	8,583	5,294	0	5,294
Prom shelters, benches, signs	30,144	0	30,144	30,625	0	30,625
Private Property Repairs	3,066	1,711	1,355	40,500	0	40,500
CCTV town centre	2,274	0	2,274	6,135	0	6,135
Apprentices	0	0	0	21,467	1,628	19,839
R.N.D.H.C.	17,311	20,105	(2,794)	15,955	17,551	(1,596)
Park assets	72,289	0	72,289	111,302	0	111,302
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£478,135</b>	<b>£92,141</b>	<b>£385,994</b>	<b>£680,217</b>	<b>£104,663</b>	<b>£575,554</b>
<b>Works &amp; Development</b>						
Foreshores & Flags	2,891	0	2,891	4,463	0	4,463
Car Parks	15,336	23,385	(8,049)	31,112	28,903	2,209
Refuse Removal	607,342	99,612	507,730	872,357	173,334	699,023
Civic Amenity contribution	196,023	0	196,023	302,325	0	302,325
Sewers & Pumps	78,125	78,125	0	104,141	104,141	0
Street lighting & maint.	102,496	0	102,496	232,350	0	232,350
Decorative maint.	2,755	0	2,755	10,343	0	10,343
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	199,782	0	199,782	327,391	0	327,391
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£1,204,750</b>	<b>£201,122</b>	<b>£1,003,628</b>	<b>£1,909,482</b>	<b>£306,378</b>	<b>£1,603,104</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>						
Events & Attractions	68,131	15,605	52,526	78,068	16,000	62,068
Parks & Gardens	243,451	2	243,449	297,067	710	296,357
Games Concessions	622	0	622	1,280	0	1,280
Public Library	114,356	7,101	107,255	180,595	9,165	171,430
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£426,560</b>	<b>£22,708</b>	<b>£403,852</b>	<b>£557,010</b>	<b>£25,875</b>	<b>£531,135</b>
<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>						
Administration	64,941	0	64,941	139,679	0	139,679
Office Expenses	495,020	43,647	451,373	853,909	134,135	719,774
Sundry Expenses	7,794	0	7,794	9,582	0	9,582
Miscellaneous	34,984	30,457	4,527	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	67	489	1,368	506	862
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£650,492</b>	<b>£74,171</b>	<b>£576,321</b>	<b>£1,113,797</b>	<b>£169,060</b>	<b>£944,737</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,545,676</b>	<b>£4,676,003</b>	<b>£1,961,814</b>	<b>£ 9,377,281</b>	<b>£ 5,693,191</b>	<b>£ 3,684,090</b>
<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£3,130,634</b>	<b>(£3,130,634)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 3,513,954</b>	<b>(£3,513,954)</b>

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

Appendix 2

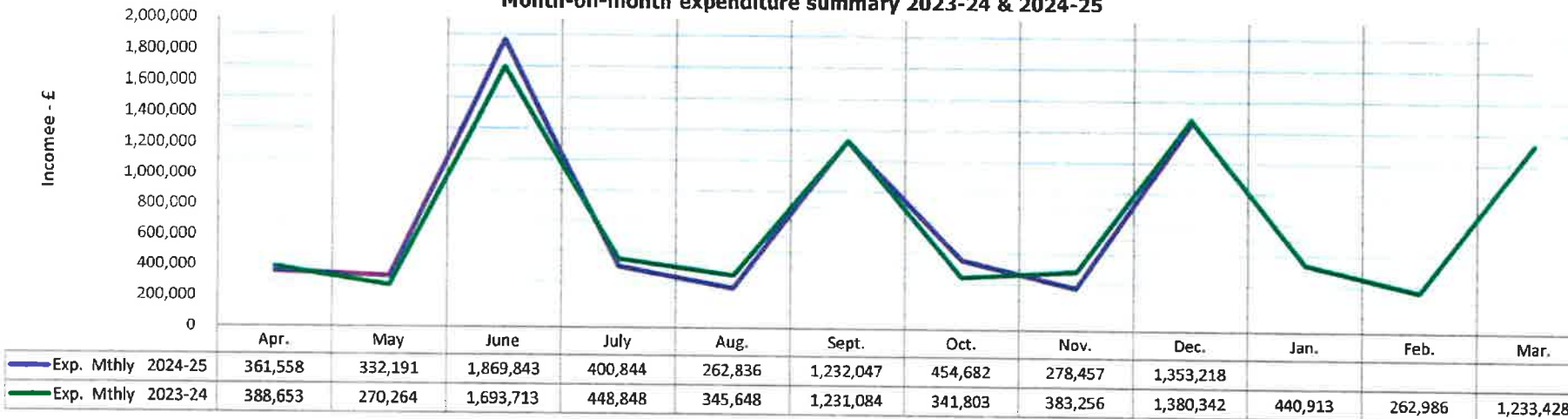
**Ramsey Town Commissioners**  
**Month-on-month income summary 2023-24 & 2024-25**



	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Budget
Cum. 2024-25	309,766	1,525,415	1,871,557	2,570,500	2,892,691	3,282,327	4,033,382	4,298,986	4,676,003	-	-	-	5,693,191
Cum. 2023-24	916,685	1,258,387	1,601,688	2,252,942	2,547,438	2,891,321	3,597,484	3,904,829	4,256,438	4,631,704	4,966,368	5,323,103	5,490,298

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**Ramsey Town Commissioners**  
**Month-on-month expenditure summary 2023-24 & 2024-25**

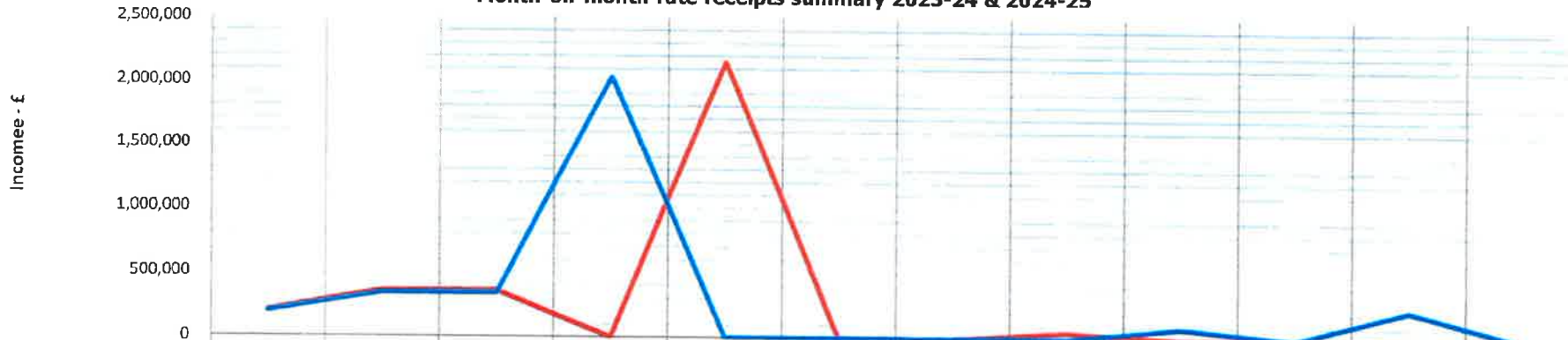


	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Budget
Cum. 2024-25	361,558	693,749	2,563,592	2,964,436	3,227,272	4,459,319	4,914,001	5,192,458	6,545,676	-	-	-	9,377,281
Cum. 2023-24	388,653	658,917	2,352,630	2,801,478	3,147,126	4,378,210	4,720,013	5,103,269	6,483,611	6,924,524	7,187,510	8,420,938	8,537,162

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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**Ramsey Town Commissioners**  
**Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2023-24 & 2024-25**



	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Rates Mthly 2024-25	204,925	359,184	359,184	-	2,155,105	-	-	52,236	-	-	-	-
Rates Mthly 2023-24	193,756	338,131	338,131	2,028,789	-	-	-	-	84,904	-	233,156	-

	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Budget
Cum. 2023-24	204,925	564,109	923,293	923,293	3,078,398	3,078,398	3,078,398	3,130,634	3,130,634	-	-	-	3,513,954
Cum. 2022-23	193,756	531,887	870,018	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,983,711	2,983,711	3,216,867	3,216,867	3,283,799

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

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

REF NO: 4200  
P.A. NO.: [24/91357/C](#)  
PROPOSED: Additional use as tourist accommodation  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Thie Sonney, May Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4201  
P.A. NO.: [24/91402/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Installation of flue (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Enayjay, 9, Balleigh Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4202  
P.A. NO.: [24/91404/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Installation of external smooth render  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Former Bakery, 6, Christian Street, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,  
Technical Services Manager

8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025



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

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
24/00199/B  R.T.C. 4132	Conversion of former ground floor restaurant and first floor function room into four apartments, roof alterations for the creation of a second floor terrace for existing apartment	Shipdesine House, East Quay	Meeting held: 20/03/2024  No Objection	06/08/24 Application REFUSED 16/08/24 Appeal requested 18/12/24 REFUSED at Appeal  <a href="#">Link to Application</a>



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
BATHING WATER QUALITY  
JANUARY 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture has confirmed the bathing water quality for the 2024 bathing season and this remains unchanged.

Ramsey North Beach has been classified as **excellent**  
Ramsey South Beach has been classified as **good**

The classification for North Ramsey is now based on 4 years' worth of data.

Both beaches will remain designated for the 2025 bathing season with weekly sampling.

**Recommendation:** for noting

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

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
TEMPORARY RECYCLING MATTERS - JANUARY, 2025**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received the following request for response, under Standing Order 13(1)(i) on the subject matter of Temporary Recycling Measures.

“As a member of the public living in Ramsey, please can the following subject be discussed at the next available Commissioner Board Meeting and separately at the next available Northern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee meeting.

Subject - Temporary recycling measures.

During the close of the northern amenity site's recycling bay, may the board discuss temporary measures to help the rate payers recycle their items locally and tackle the points listed below. For the benefit of the people, to reduce the amount of items going to the incinerator (which incurs costs) and surely more benefits we could all continue to list.

For discussion along with your own ideas:

- Promoting "freecycle" websites and groups.
- Producing and publishing a Ramsey Council recycling page built into the councils existing website (eg. a forum like Manx Classified)
- Using the work yards hardstanding area (by Poyll Dooley) as a 'drop-off and collect' point of goods. This would mean setting hours and staff to control the site (eg. ensuring decent items are left only. eg. hours, Sun and mon 9am -3pm)
- Adding appropriate things onto the Action Tracker which are related to the amenity site, to ensure the developing situation is actioned efficiently.

Thank you everyone for reading and the discussion that'll follow during this pressing issue.”

Recommendation: For discussion and / or further reporting.

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

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.