

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **NOTICE OF ORDINARY BOARD MEETING**

In accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act 1985, Notice is hereby given that the next Board Meeting of Port St Mary Commissioners will be held in the Board Room at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.30p.m.** The Private session of Port St Mary Commissioners will be held following the conclusion of the Public Board Meeting.

1. Only business of a formal nature as defined in the Agenda for the meeting, which is set out below may be discussed, as defined in Port St Mary Commissioners Standing Orders governed by Section 27 of the Local Government Act 1985 [as amended by Section 8 Local Government Act 2006]. All Commissioners are urged to attend and bring with them their copy of Standing Orders.

Please note that a pre meeting is scheduled with Inspector Barker at 6pm.

Hayley Kinvig  
Clerk

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ORDINARY BOARD MEETING**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**  
**AGENDA – OPEN SESSION**

Item Number	Item	Action Required
<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING OF THE MEETING</b>	
1.1	Welcome, Apologies & Declarations	As required by Board members
<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> <b>Four Members who were present are required to approve Minutes</b>	
2.1	Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	For Board approval
<b>3.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
3.1	Matters Arising from Previous Meetings	Clerk to provide necessary updates
<b>4.</b>	<b>MOTIONS – None</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	
5.1	Invoices for Settlement in February	For Board approval
<b>6.</b>	<b>PROJECTS</b>	
6.1	PSM Events	For Board discussion
6.2	Mariners Shelter	HK to provide a verbal update
6.3	Chapel Beach facilities	For noting
6.4	Highways Updates	For discussion

<b>7.</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	
7.1	Housing Officers Report	For Board discussion
7.2	Tenancy Arrears Report	For Board discussion
7.3	Letter from Mr Hooper re housing provision	For Board discussion
<b>8.</b>	<b>PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE &amp; COMMUNICATIONS - None</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	
9.1	Planning Applications	For Board discussion
<b>10.</b>	<b>POLICY &amp; RESOURCES</b>	
10.1	Meeting & event dates 2025	For noting
10.2	1 <sup>st</sup> Supplemental List 2025	For Board discussion
10.3	Local Authority Rates	For information
<b>11.</b>	<b>PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS</b>	
11.1	Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023	For Board discussion
<b>12.</b>	<b>INVITATIONS - None</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE (BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR)</b>	

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINARY BOARD MEETING  
29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 at 6.30pm**

**MINUTE – PUBLIC SESSION**

Present:	Mrs B Williams MBE (Chairman), Mr L Vaughan-Williams (Vice Chairman), Mr C O’Meara, Mr D Scott, Mrs R Gelling and Mrs J Teare
Apologies:	Mr N McGregor Edwards
In Attendance:	Mrs H Kinvig (Clerk)

1.	<p>1.1 The Chair welcomed the Board, noted the apologies and declared the meeting open.</p> <p>BW asked the Board to stand and read the following statement.</p> <p>The Commissioners have been saddened to hear of two losses within our community since their last meeting.</p> <p>Reverend William Harrison Martin, who previously served on the Board of Commissioners and was Chairman in 1973 sadly passed away.</p> <p>David Radcliffe of Arbory and Rushen Commissioners, who was previously Chairman of Southern Sheltered Housing Joint Board and served on the Southern Swimming Pool Board for many years, suddenly passed away.</p> <p>Our thoughts go out to both families at such a difficult time.</p> <p>A minute’s silence was held.</p>	
2.	<p>2.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were circulated.</p> <p><b>LVW/DS proposed the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record. CO’M, JT, RG &amp; BW were in favour. Carried.</b></p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>3.1 The Matters Arising Summary and response to public correspondence by the Clerk from the previous meeting were circulated and noted.</p> <p>BW, LVW, CO’M, JT, RG &amp; DS ratified their electronic votes in relation to the settlement of December 2024 invoices.</p>	
4.	Motions: None	
5.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>5.1 Invoices for settlement in January – <b>RG/LVW approved the invoices for settlement in January to be paid. All were in</b></p>	MK

	<b>favour. Carried.</b>	
6.	<p>Projects:</p> <p>6.1 Events - HK noted that further information would be provided at the next meeting in relation to the Monas Queen III event.</p> <p>6.2 Mariners Shelter – HK provided an update that a formal request to terminate the lease had been submitted to the Department, an admin fee of £150 was approved.</p> <p>6.3 Dog fouling – HK updated that a zoom call was scheduled for Friday to discuss DNA testing. A supportive discussion on tackling the problem was held.</p> <p>6.4 Vandalism – The item was discussed and noted.</p> <p>6.5 Chapel Beach facilities – The facilities were discussed, HK to research prefabricated buildings, moveable structure ideas and liaise with planning and the neighbours.</p>	HK SAM
7.	<p>Housing:</p> <p>7.1 Housing Officers Report – the report was discussed and noted.</p> <p>7.2 Fossil Fuel Heating Regulations 2023 – The regulations were discussed and noted.</p> <p>7.3 Tenancy Arrears Report – The report was discussed and noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Public Correspondence:</p> <p>8.1 Easter Festival of Running – The Board were happy to offer assistance of additional bins and a portable toilet for the event.</p> <p>8.2 Communication received regarding the public toilet at the Town Hall – the correspondence was welcomed.</p>	SAM
9.	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>9.1 Planning Applications:</p> <p>9.1.1 24/91372/B – Kionslieu, Hower Road for alterations and extension to dwelling including single storey side extension, raised decking and alteration to wall finish. <b>There were no objections.</b></p> <p>9.1.2 25/90001/B Mannin Veg, Gansey for extension of existing dwelling including new dormer structures, replacement of windows, doors and front porch. <b>There were no objections.</b></p> <p>Additional application was tabled as follows.</p> <p>9.1.3 25/90074/B Grey Ladies, Clifton Road to replace existing integral sunroom with new sunroom, widen existing driveway and vehicle access. <b>There were no objections.</b></p> <p>9.2 Planning Approvals</p> <p>9.2.1 24/91256/B Rhenwyllan House, Beach Road for demolition of</p>	DG

	<p>rear extension and erection of replacement rear extension. <b>The approval was noted.</b></p> <p>9.2.2 24/91142/B Sunnystur, Station Road for re-rendering with smooth render and painted finish including replacement of existing defective roof tiles with natural slate roof tiles. <b>The approval was noted.</b></p>	
10.	<p>Policy &amp; Resources: None.</p> <p>10.1 Dates – The forthcoming dates were discussed and noted. RG gave her apologies in advance for the 26<sup>th</sup> February meeting. It was agreed that Inspector Wendy Barker would attend a pre meeting at 6pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>The Board agreed to advertise and hold an open session at the end of the February public meeting so that potential candidates could ask any questions and engage with the current Board. HK &amp; SAM to advertise.</p> <p>10.2 Election Timetable – The Board requested the key dates to be published both online and in the notice boards.</p> <p>10.3 Proposed Reserved Parking Places Order – The Order was reviewed, discussed and there were no objections.</p>	<p>HK</p> <p>HK SAM</p> <p>HK SAM</p> <p>HK</p>
11.	<p>Public Consultations:</p> <p>11.1 2024 Elections Amendment Bill – HK to respond as discussed.</p> <p>11.2 Port St Mary speed limits consultation – The Board fully support the proposed speed limits, however, would request that Station Road from the school to the Four Roads is included for consideration.</p>	<p>HK</p> <p>HK</p>
12.	<p>Invitations:</p> <p>12.1 Malew Civic Service Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – BW confirmed attendance.</p>	<p>SAM</p>
13.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>13.1 HK updated on local road issues that the DOI Minister had raised within their Department.</p> <p>13.2 HK advised that the sweeper had been successfully sold at auction for £7,600 and that the old sweeper located at the allotments was scheduled to be scrapped due to vandalism and other damage.</p>	<p>MB</p>

There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS**

**MATTERS ARISING & PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

**Matters Arising**

**Rates Statement release for ratification-**

Rates statement release for the media, circulated by e-mail 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

For; BW, LVW, NME, CO'M, JT, DS & RG.

**2024 Election Amendments Bill** – The response was submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**Public Correspondence**

**Draft Conservation Area letter to Minister Barber** – The letter has been referred onto Minister Ashford as the designation of conservation areas is a Cabinet Office function.

## PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS - Invoices to be paid in January 2025

Inv#	Date	Invoice number	Supplier	Details	Housing	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Total Cost (£)	Nominal code
4488	31/12/2024	SINV00536459	BHX	A4 paper and laminating pouches		86.75	17.35	104.10	5170
4489	27/12/2024		Rick Buckley	Window cleaning for PSM Town Hall for December 24		40.00	0.00	40.00	5150
4490	02/08/2024	CCG13042	Deanwood Management	Pre-tenancy agreement for the Pavilion		600.00	120.00	720.00	5690
4491	03/01/2025	33944	Island IT	Microsoft exchange and 365 business standard - January 25		163.60	32.72	196.32	5140
4492	19/12/2024	33895	Island IT	UPS checks and Sally's PC		90.00	18.00	108.00	5140
4493	11/12/2024	33846	Island IT	Repair workshop PC		30.00	6.00	36.00	5140
4494	20/12/2024	15859	Isle of Man Newspapers	Advertise Father Christmas in the village		333.00	66.60	399.60	5190
4495	18/12/2024	147388	JCK Limited	Hire of sweeper and tipping		242.12	48.42	290.54	6056
4496	17/12/2024	27862	JRB Enterprise	Dog gloves and refill bags		445.00	89.00	534.00	5270
4496	16/12/2024	0001/00172413	J Qualtrough	Evo stick, sealant, caulk, screws, woodfiller		83.63	16.73	100.36	6020
4497	20/12/2024	0001/00173162	J Qualtrough	Washer repair, cellulose thinners and white spirit		101.29	20.26	121.55	6020
4498	20/12/2024	0001/00173163	J Qualtrough	Jumbo flap disc, multi cut discs tin of 10		28.35	5.67	34.02	6020
4499	10/01/2025		Kevin Christian	4 FR - remove plaster from walls in bedroom	FR	240.00	0.00	240.00	6100
4500	12/12/2024	37639	Manx Glass	12 PR - supply and install 1 x PVCu window in bedroom	PR	669.79	133.96	803.75	6100
4501	06/01/2025	U2558258	Manx Utilities	1 LA - electricity supply 26/09/24 - 02/01/25	LA	32.15	1.61	33.76	6100
4502	31/12/2024	SPI4423686	Manx Utilities	Axia 3.1 fitting on PM040 Beach Road		607.99	121.60	729.59	5900
4503	18/12/2024	20/04/1921	Metalco	8 SMA and 5 SFA - fabricate and fit handrails	SMA and SFA	483.46	96.69	580.15	6100
4504	16/12/2024	20/05/1993	Newsons	1 x pair of workboots		59.95	0.00	59.95	6020
4505	31/12/2024	92186	Onchan Commissioners	Refuse collection - October to December 24		7,746.32	1,549.26	9,295.58	5210
4506	01/01/2025	25492	Orb	Payroll for December 2024		60.50	12.10	72.60	5170
4507	11/01/2025	INV-0345	RCM Hoisthire	Hoist hire to remove Christmas lights on Town Hall		600.00	120.00	720.00	5831
4508	20/12/2024	1110	S & J Projects	7 PR - doorset window	PR	824.00	164.80	988.80	6100
4509	12/12/2024	165267	SCS	Town Hall - repair water heater in ladies toilet		112.25	22.45	134.70	5150
4510	12/12/2024	165268	SCS	Town Hall - install sockets for power leads for exterior curtain lights		479.75	95.95	575.70	5831
4511	12/12/2024	165269	SCS	24 SFA - replace kitchen strip light	SFA	160.31	32.06	192.37	6100
4512	12/12/2024	165270	SCS	11b SMA - replace kitchen strip light	SMA	153.00	30.60	183.60	6100
4513	12/12/2024	165271	SCS	17 SFA - unblock and repair extractor fan	SFA	59.50	11.90	71.40	6100
Sub total Pg1						14,532.71	2,833.73	17,366.44	



Inv#	Date	Invoice number	Supplier	Details	Housing	Net (£)	VAT (£)	Total Cost (£)	Nominal code
4514	12/12/2024	165282	SCS	7b SMA - remove old boiler and install new Worcester Greenstar	SMA	2,239.77	447.95	2,687.72	6100
4515	16/12/2024	165402	SCS	9 LA - replace kitchen taps	LA	86.72	17.34	104.06	6100
4516	16/12/2024	165403	SCS	11 LA - repair leak on boiler	LA	473.89	94.78	568.67	6100
4517	16/12/2024	165404	SCS	1 SMA - repair leaking radiator	SMA	41.65	8.33	49.98	6100
4518	16/12/2024	165405	SCS	16 BB - repair room stat and replace PCB on boiler	BB	170.39	34.08	204.47	6100
4519	31/12/2024	165667	SCS	CB - repair wiring on communal light switches	CB	87.00	17.40	104.40	6100
4520	31/12/2024	165668	SCS	Town Hall - portable appliance testing (PAT)		174.00	34.80	208.80	5150
4521	31/12/2024	165739	SCS	8 PR - repair boiler	PR	70.13	14.03	84.16	6100
4522	31/12/2024	165740	SCS	12 PR - repair boiler	PR	70.13	14.03	84.16	6100
4523	31/12/2024	165741	SCS	19 SFA - repair boiler	SFA	189.20	37.84	227.04	6100
4524	31/12/2024	165743	SCS	6 PR - repair leaking tap	PR	220.44	44.09	264.53	6100
4525	31/12/2024	165744	SCS	12 PR - repair leak on oil boiler	PR	217.67	43.53	261.20	6100
4526	31/12/2024	165753	SCS	Service 3 oil boilers	Various	348.85	69.77	418.62	6100
4527	31/12/2024	165756	SCS	Service 4 gas boilers	Various	280.50	56.10	336.60	6100
4528		Various	Southern Civic Amenity Site Board	Green waste		60.75	12.15	72.90	5260
4529	04/01/2025	202501000039	SPAR	Fuel for DLO vehicles		202.52	40.50	243.02	6020
4530	20/12/2024	SINV15022	Viking	Ink for Town Hall printer		180.91	36.18	217.09	5060
4531	11/11/2024	SI-00041608	WDS Limited	Jangro urinal blocks		13.58	2.72	16.30	5152
4532	31/01/2024	SI-00043914	WDS Limited	Jangro urinal screen, toilet tissue, hand towels and black sacks		125.94	25.19	151.13	5152
4533	06/01/2025	050IN207538	Yess Electrical	23W LED non dimmable plastic tube		97.01	19.40	116.41	6020
Sub total Pg2						5,351.05	1,070.21	6,421.26	
<b>Total</b>						<b>19,883.76</b>	<b>3,903.94</b>	<b>23,787.70</b>	

## Breakdown by type of expense (rates and housing)

Nominal code	Nominal description	Amount (£)
5060	Photocopying	217.09
5140	Computer Expenses	340.32
5150	Town Hall expenses	383.50
5152	Town Hall Cleaning	167.43
5170	Office Expenses	176.70
5190	Advertising	399.60
5210	Refuse Expenses	9,295.58
5260	Gardens and Flowerbeds	72.90
5270	Refuse - Miscellaneous	534.00
5690	Golf - Pavillion	720.00
5831	Xmas lights set up / take down	1,295.70
5900	Public Lighting - Street Lighting Power & Cyclic Maintenance	729.59
6020	Sundry - Store	675.31
6056	Vehicles - General	290.54
6100	Housing Repairs	8489.44
		<b>23,787.70</b>

## Breakdown of invoices by supplier (rates and housing)

Supplier	Amount (£)
BHX	104.10
Deanwood Management	720.00
Island IT	340.32
Isle of Man Newspapers	399.60
J Qualtrough	255.93
JCK Limited	290.54
JRB Enterprise	534.00
Kevin Christian	240.00
Manx Glass	803.75
Manx Utilities	763.35
Metalco	580.15
Newsons	59.95
Onchan Commissioners	9,295.58
Orb	72.60
RCM Hoisthire	720.00
Rick Buckley	40.00
S & J Projects	988.80
SCS	6,762.18
Southern Civic Amenity Site Board	72.90
SPAR	243.02
Viking	217.09
WDS Limited	167.43
Yess Electrical	116.41
	<b>23,787.70</b>

Breakdown of invoices for Housing only

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<b>Kevin Christian</b>		<b>240.00</b>
FR	240.00	
<b>Manx Glass</b>		<b>803.75</b>
PR	803.75	
<b>Manx Utilities</b>		<b>33.76</b>
LA	33.76	
<b>Metalco</b>		<b>580.15</b>
SMA and SFA	580.15	
<b>S &amp; J Projects</b>		<b>988.80</b>
PR	988.80	
<b>SCS</b>		<b>5,842.98</b>
BB	204.47	
CB	104.40	
LA	672.73	
PR	694.05	
SFA	490.81	
SMA	2,921.30	
Various	755.22	
	<b>8,489.44</b>	<b>8,489.44</b>
Other housing expenses		
	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>8,489.44</b>	<b>8,489.44</b>

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS**

**PROJECTS UPDATE**

6.1	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>The next event held will be the Monas Queen memorial service on 29<sup>th</sup> May, a further update will be provided at the meeting.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Mariners Shelter</b></p> <p>A deed of Surrender is being drafted to provide to the Department.</p>
6.3	<p><b>Chapel Beach facilities</b></p> <p>Research into prefabricated designs is ongoing.</p>
6.4	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><u>Resurfacing</u> Resurfacing at Creggan Mooar is due to commence on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, contractors have liaised with residents and the Commissioners office. Some drop kerbs will also be installed to improve access to the pavements.</p> <p><u>Proposed Reserved Parking Places Order</u> The response was submitted on 30<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><u>PSM Speed limits consultation</u> The response was submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> January with the following feedback being received regarding the query in relation to the area from PSM school to the Four Roads.</p> <p>Good Morning</p> <p>Thank you for your email with regards to the Port St Mary Speed Limit Order.</p> <p>I have received the following in n response to your email</p> <p>This section needs to be 30mph because, it is rural.</p> <p>It has an adequate footway on one side and it has street lights.</p> <p>It will act to define the boundary of the start of the village, where it changes to the 20mph zone.</p> <p>This approach closer to the school will have a part time school 20mph limit, indicated by electronic signage.</p> <p>Please could you pass on this information to your Commissioners.</p>

Update email received –

Dear Port St Mary Commissioners,

Following a pre-start meeting this afternoon, I wanted to confirm that the installation of the 20mph speed limit signage will start in earnest next week (10<sup>th</sup> February). The works are relatively small scale, so are expected to be complete by the end of February. We are also taking this opportunity to install school wig-wag signs (the flashing ones) on the four approaches to SPLM. The works are being undertaken by DOI operatives.

High Street

Excavation works is due to get underway at the High Street to ascertain where the services, voids and cellars are located, this information will then be passed onto the design team to see if any amendments to the current design are required.

Traffic speed data

The most recent traffic speed data is attached for noting.


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## Site

Name PSM Beach Rd  
 Dir. Oncoming (name)  
 Dir. Outgoing (name)  
 Posted Speed Limit   
 Comment NORTHBOUND  
 Device type **DSD**

## Time Range

Start Date 24/07/2023 13:00  
 End Date 22/08/2023 09:59  
 Days Mo, Tu, We, Th, Fr, Sa, Su  
 Time Interval 60 minutes  
 Time Frame / Day 00:00 - 23:59

## Speed Classes

[V in mph]

Time	Σ	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	>110
06:00-10:00	4466	72	299	612	2808	652	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
10:00-15:00	8469	137	340	1336	5659	974	22	0	1	0	0	0	0
15:00-19:00	6824	106	297	1005	4466	919	30	1	0	0	0	0	0
19:00-22:00	2133	28	103	331	1295	354	20	2	0	0	0	0	0
00:00-24:00	22820	359	1153	3420	14646	3118	117	6	1	0	0	0	0

## Speed Figures

[V in mph]

Vmin	Vavg	Vmax	V15	V50	V85	Vexc %
3	34	70	29	34	39	<b>78.4</b>

## DSD SAFETY Success

Vin	Vout	Vred	Vred %
<b>34</b>	-	-	-

## Descriptions

Vmin: Minimal velocity  
 Vavg: Average velocity  
 Vmax: Maximal velocity  
 V15: Critical velocity for the first 15% of vehicles  
 V50: Critical velocity for the first 50% of vehicles

V85: Critical velocity for the first 85% of vehicles  
 Vexc %: Speeding in %  
 Vin: Average inlet velocity  
 Vout: Average velocity of exit  
 Vred: Average speed reduction between inlet velocity and velocity of exit


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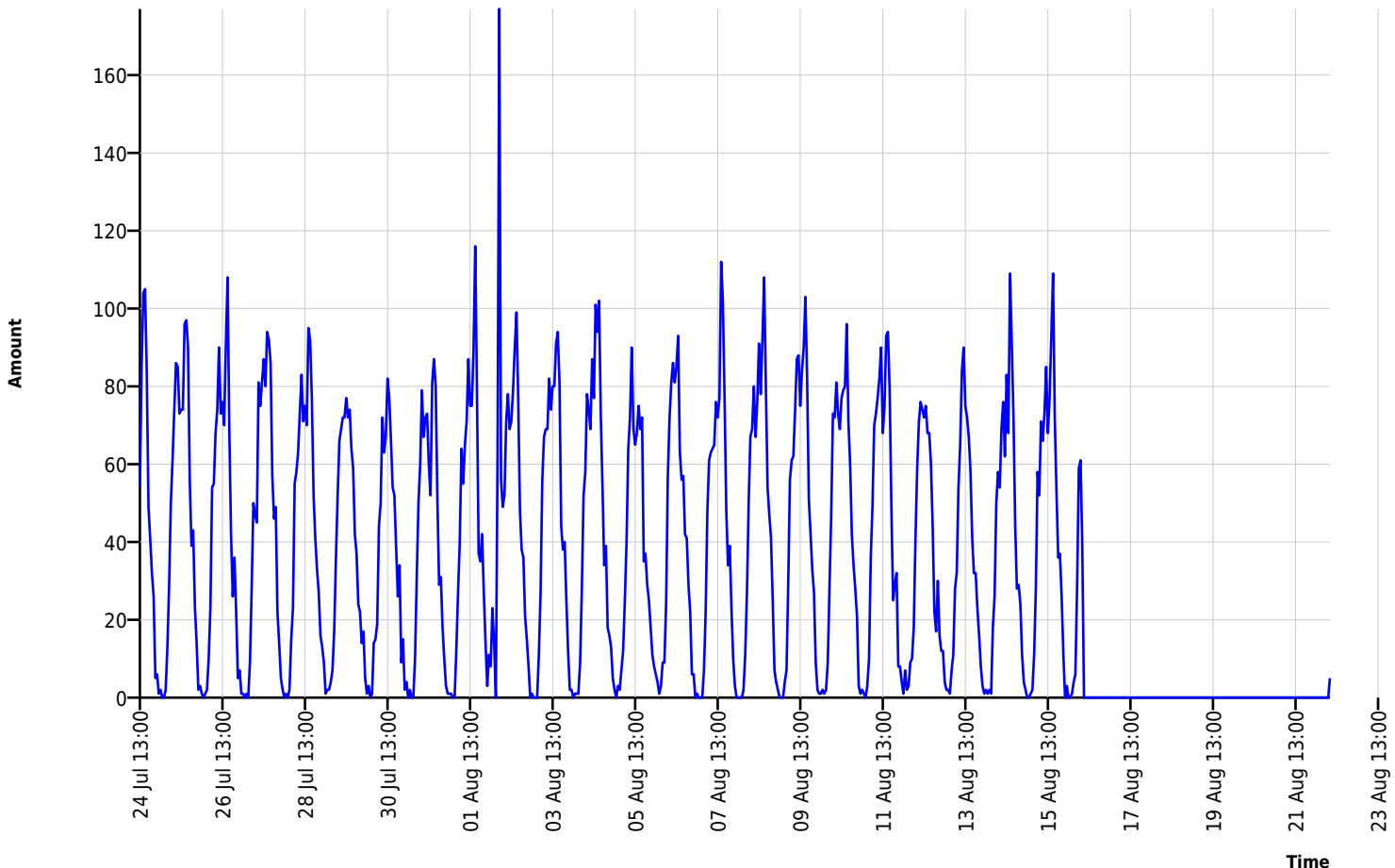
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## Time Variation Curve




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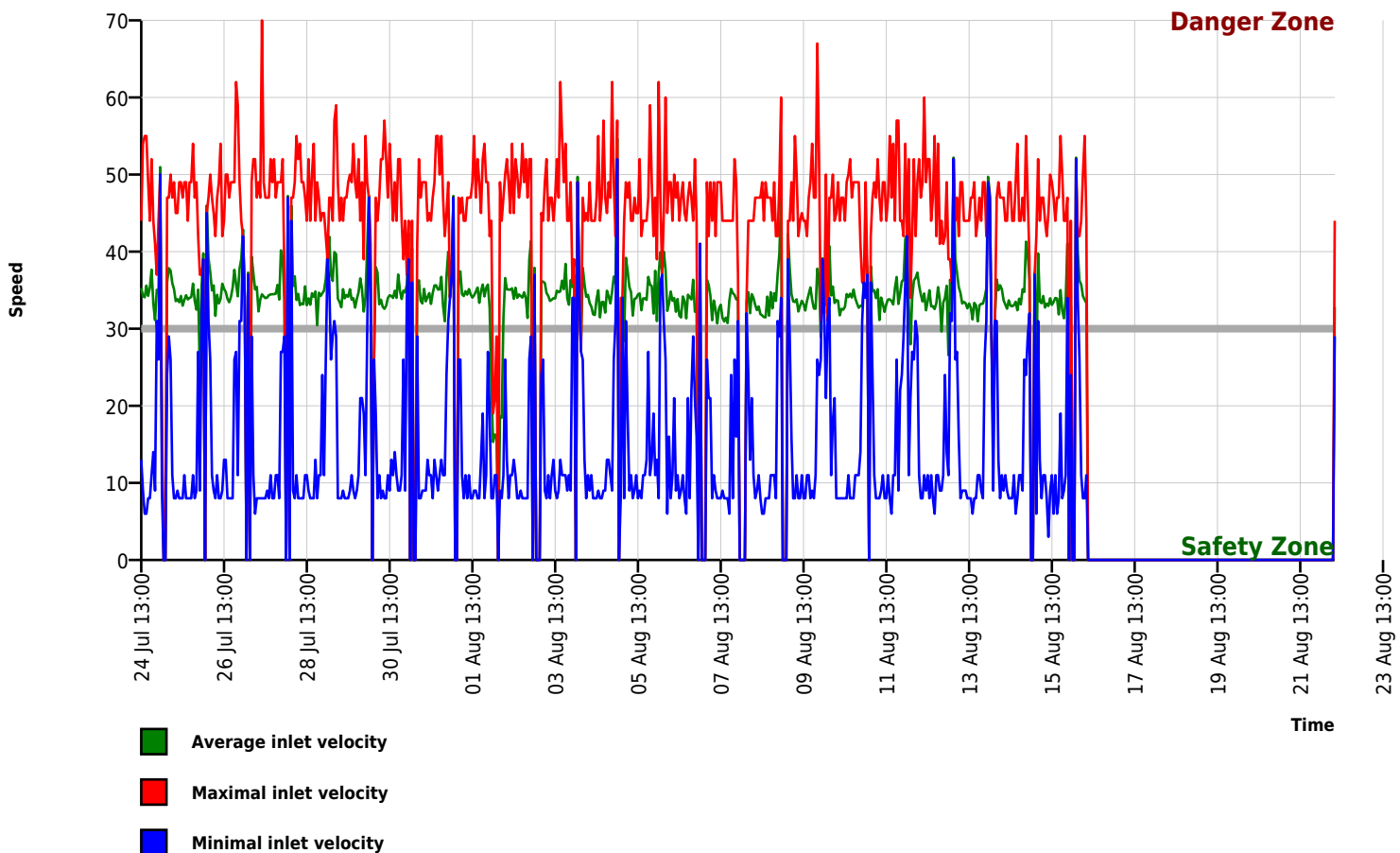
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## Speed Diagram




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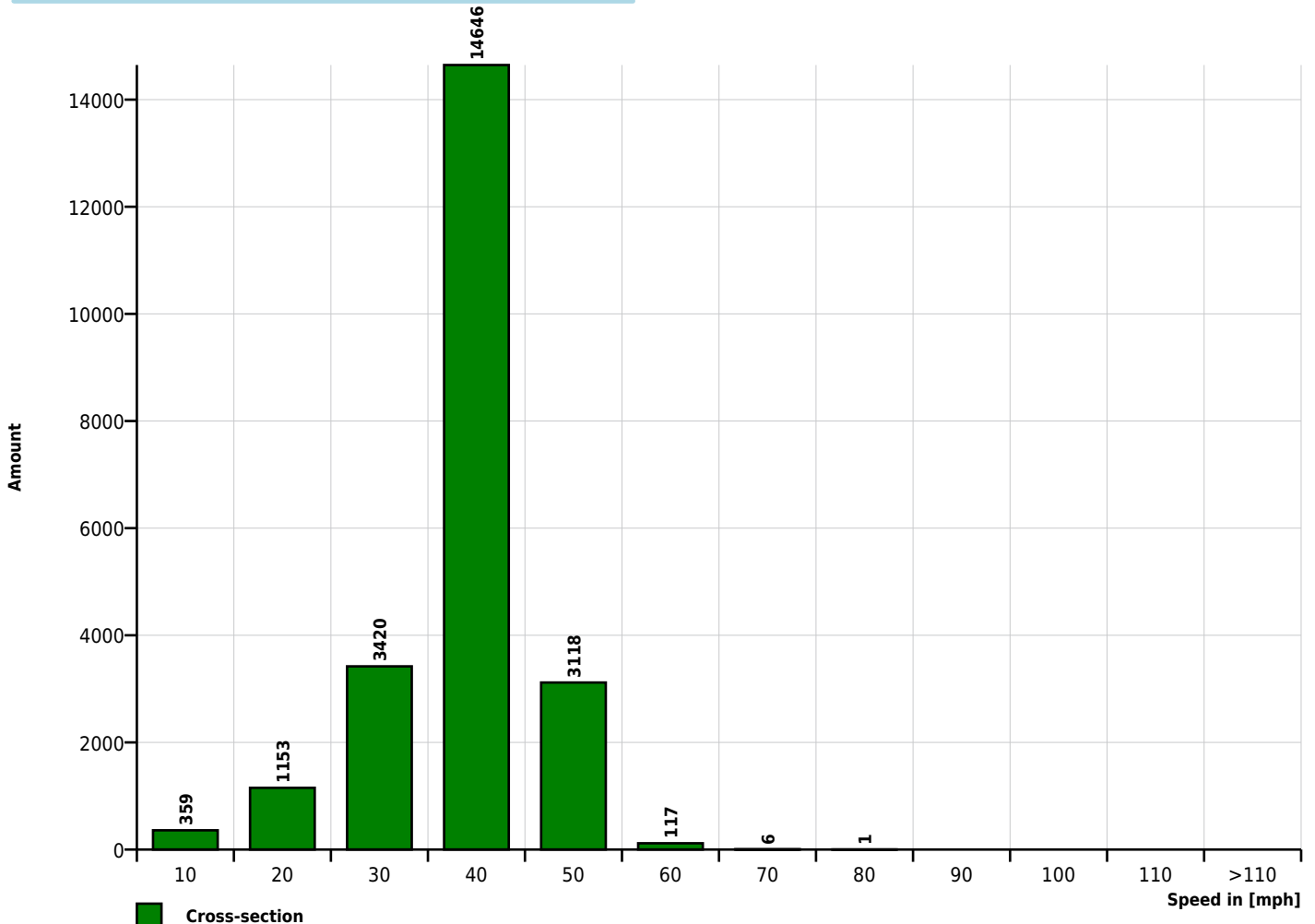
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## Speed Histogram






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15:00-19:00	7063	41	345	2170	3972	509	21	5	0	0	0	0	0
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## Speed Figures

[V in mph]

## DSD SAFETY Success

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Vin	Vout	Vred	Vred %
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Vmin: Minimal velocity  
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 V50: Critical velocity for the first 50% of vehicles

V85: Critical velocity for the first 85% of vehicles  
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 Vin: Average inlet velocity  
 Vout: Average velocity of exit  
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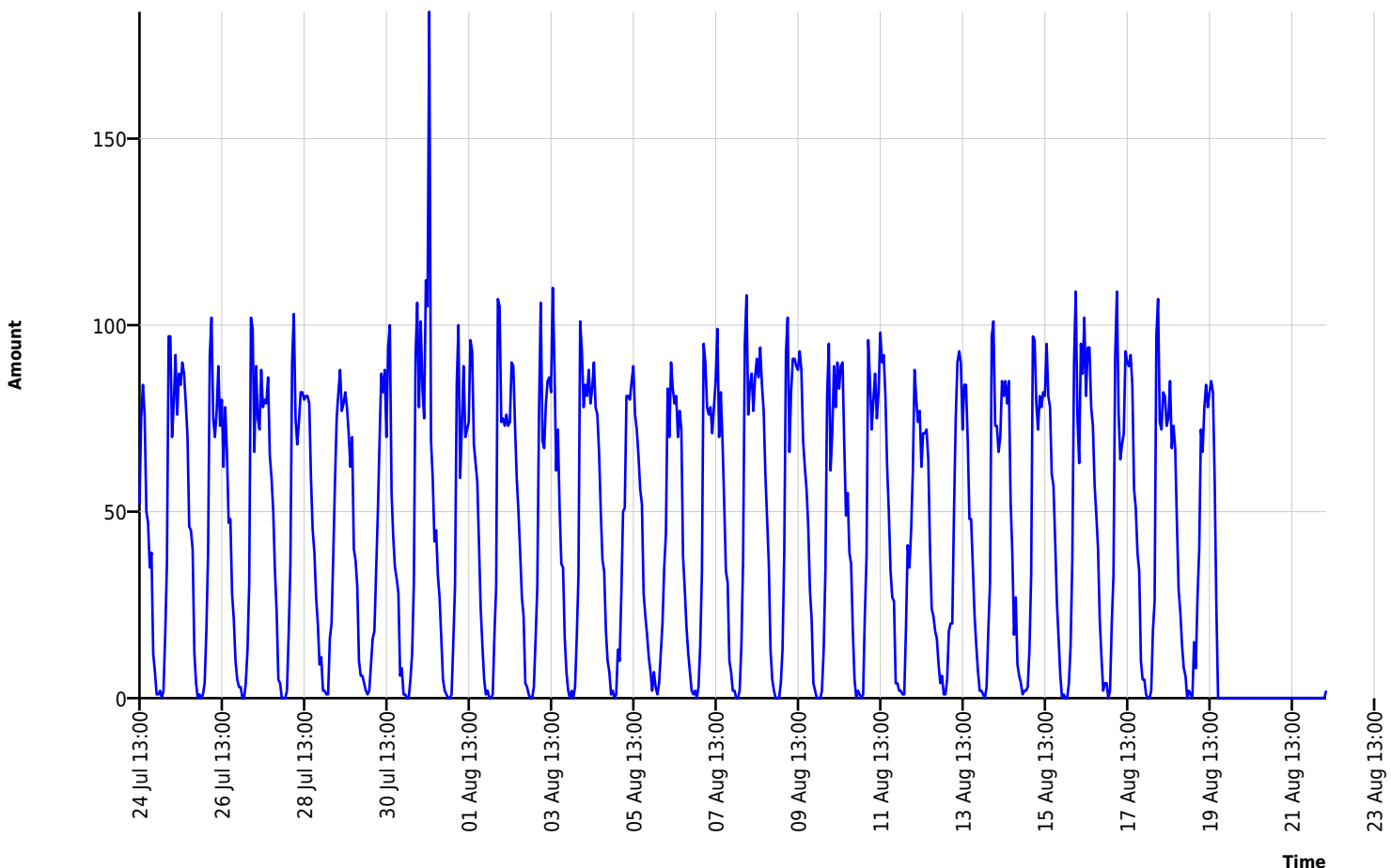
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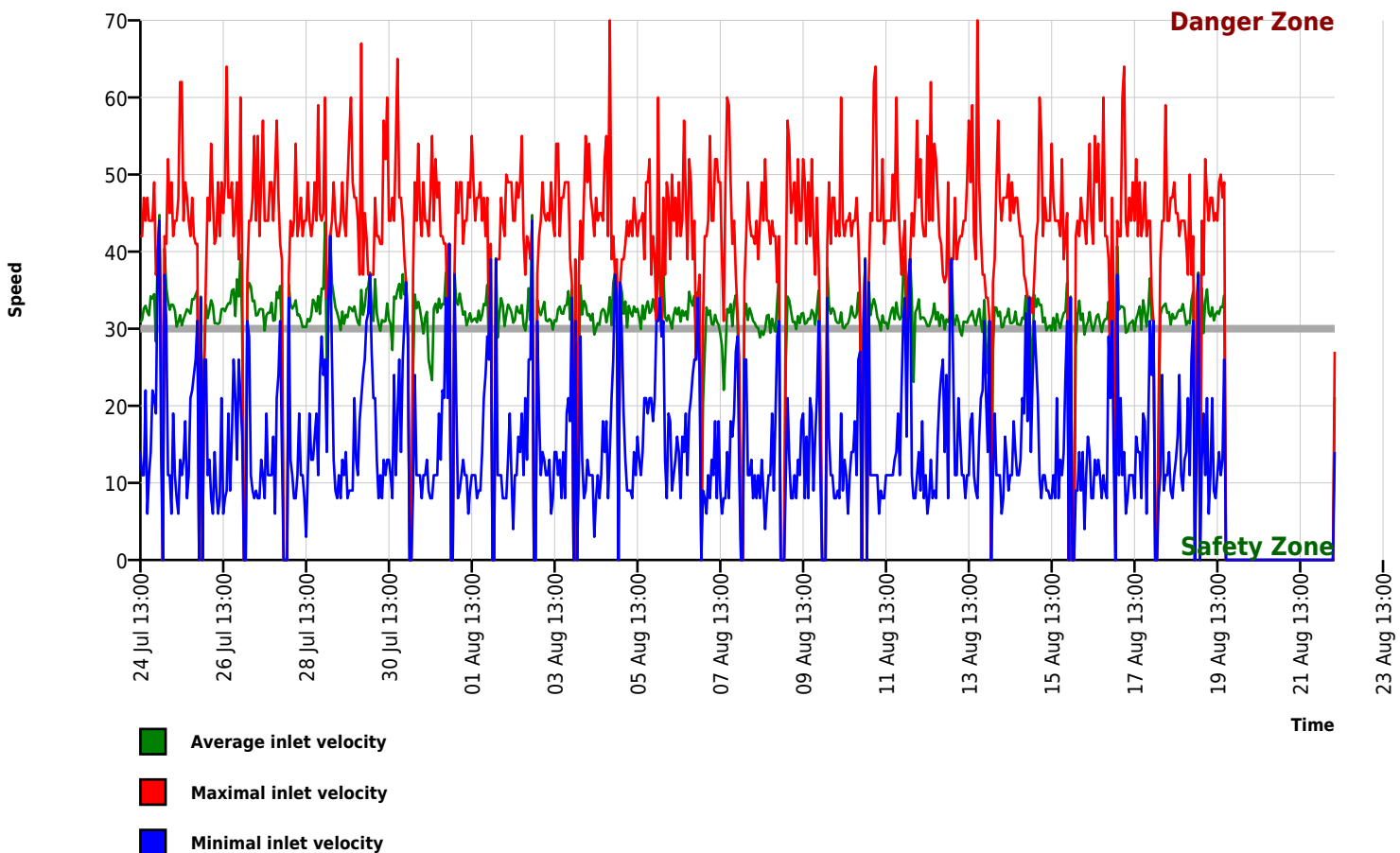
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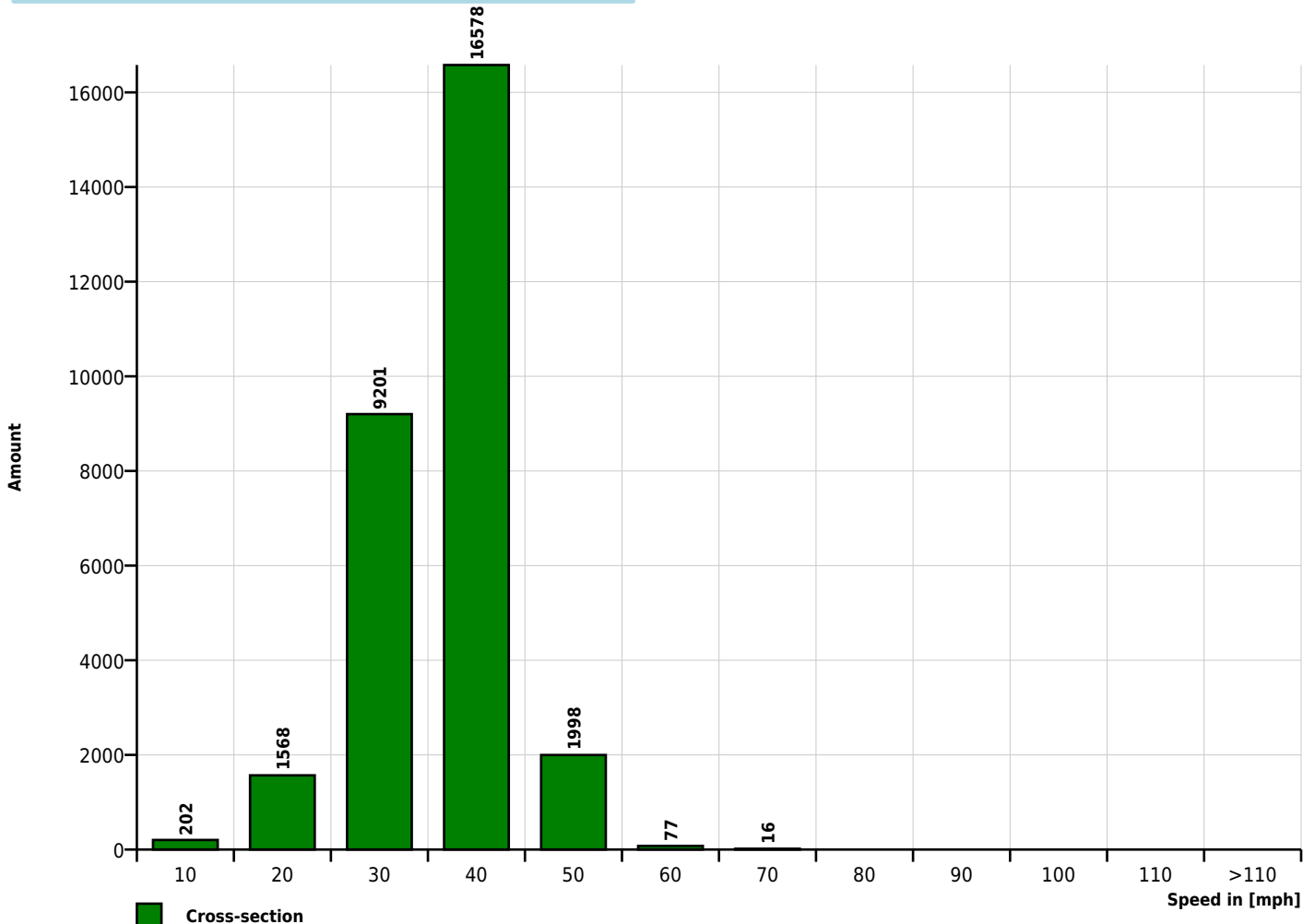
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## Item 7.1

**Housing Officer's Report to Port St Mary Commissioners  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>January Summary of Housing Works &amp; Repairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Responsive repairs were carried out by DLO in January.</li> </ul> <p>17 responsive repairs were carried out by contractors in January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Boiler related issues</li> <li>• 2 Plumbing repairs</li> <li>• 5 Electrical issues</li> <li>• 6 Window/Door repairs</li> </ul> <p>Additionally following the storm, there were multiple roof repairs carried out.</p>
<b>Void Properties</b>	No properties were handed back in January.
<b>January Allocations</b>	None
<b>Fixed Term &amp; Annual Tenancies</b>	Following review and inspection, two tenants had their fixed five-year tenancy renewed for a further five years on the same terms.
<b>Southern Shared Housing Waiting List</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One application was processed at this office in January</li> <li>• There are currently 162 applicants on the waiting list.</li> <li>• 29 applicants have selected Port St Mary in their area choices, 14 have chosen 'all Island' and 47 have selected 'all South'.</li> </ul>
<b>Transfer Waiting List</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One family from another housing authority wishes to transfer to a three-bed house in PSM (<i>this is on hold until further notice</i>)</li> <li>2. One tenant in a three-bed house needs to transfer to a level access property.</li> <li>3. One family currently housed by another authority wishes to transfer to a three-bed house in PSM for health/welfare reasons.</li> <li>4. One tenant in a three-bed house wishes to downsize.</li> <li>5. One tenant in a two-bed ground floor flat wishes to transfer to another area.</li> <li>6. A tenant with another housing authority wishes to transfer to a bungalow in PSM for welfare reasons.</li> </ol>
<b>Summary of Housing Data</b>	Attached

**Port St Mary Commissioners  
Summary of Housing Data 2024/25**

**Introduction**

The following data is taken from the quarterly submissions provided to central government as a statutory requirement:

	<b>Q1 April - June</b>	<b>Q2 July - Sept</b>	<b>Q3 Oct - Dec</b>	<b>Q4 Jan - Mar</b>
<b>Rent collected per quarter</b> <i>(rent element only not rates)</i>	£198,908.06	£175,867.29	£176,259.81	
<b>Property Voids</b>				
No. of voids completed per quarter	2	3	1	
No. of properties empty at quarter end	3	2	2	
Total cost of completed voids	£15,675.56	£5,557.24	£25,140.88	
Void rent loss at quarter end	£4,110.71	£1,483.77	£3,487.76	
Void rent loss 'standard' works	£2,717.67	£1,483.77	£2,464.40	
Void rent loss 'major' works	£1,393.04	£314.88	£1,023.36	
<b>Void re-letting timescales</b>				
Average weeks void 'standard' <i>(target 5 weeks)</i>	5	4	7	
Average weeks void 'major' <i>(target 12 weeks)</i>	0	1	13	
<b>Responsive Repairs</b>				
No. Of responsive repairs raised per quarter	38	28	59	
No. Of responsive repairs raised by type:				
Emergency <i>(within 24 hours)</i>	1	3	5	
Urgent <i>(within 7 days)</i>	20	17	43	
Routine <i>(within 28 days)</i>	17	8	11	
No. Of responsive repairs completed on time:				
Emergency	1	3	5	
Urgent	20	17	42	
Routine	17	8	9	

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS**

**Tenancy Arrears Report for the February 2025 Meeting**

**Week 46 2024/25 commencing 10 February 2025**

**Management Summary**

Unpaid rents have decreased in the period from £30,337.60 in January to £29,698.20 in February 2025, a decrease of £639.40 or 2.11%. Economic headwinds remain high keeping costs elevated and ensuring some tenants struggle to pay their rent. A detailed analysis of rents follows.

The **first graph** shows the rent arrears by sector over the last 12 months. As in previous months, all arrears are housing related:



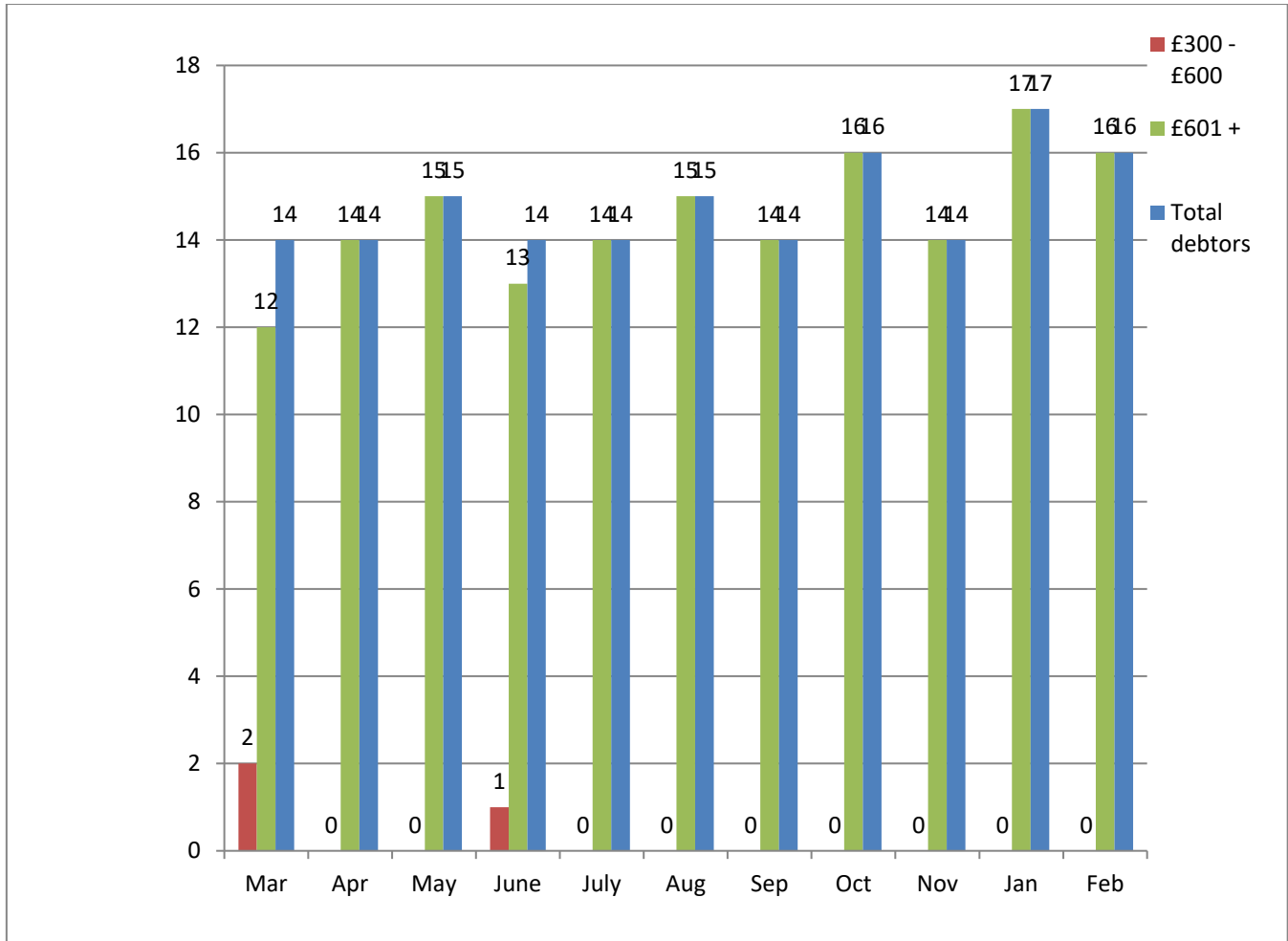
**Tenancy Arrears Report for the February 2025 Meeting**

## Week 46 2024/25 commencing 10 February 2025

(Continued)

### Number of Debtors and Actions Taken

The **second graph** shows the number of debtors by debt level:



Below is a detailed analysis of the arrears and the separate action being taken for each tenant.

### **Uncontrolled debt**

There are currently 5 tenants with uncontrolled debt. The Finance Officer has started the small claims process with regards to tenants 1 and 3 and will keep the Clerk and Board updated on progress.

### **Tenant 1 – Arrears £2,842.83 (no movement since previous report)**

A request was made for a judgment on an instalment order which was granted by the court with payments of £100.00 per month to be received from 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The finance officer instructed the then tenant to make payments no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month, but the now former tenant defaulted on the court order. The party has been written to and advised that small claims proceedings will commence unless a payment plan is agreed and adhered to,



however, a reply hasn't been received. Small claims paperwork has been prepared and will be submitted soon.

**Tenant 2 – Arrears £863.34 (previous tenant)**

This amount was previously removed from the report and reinstated at the request of the Board. The Authority's staff cannot locate the former tenant.

**Tenant 3 – Arrears £782.78 (no movement since the previous report)**

Dependent has spoken to the housing officer and has promised to clear arrears once they receive their inheritance.

**Controlled Debt**

The following tenants have controlled debt but due to the amounts, are being brought to the Boards attention:

**Tenant 4 – Arrears £1,492.72 (decreased by £50.00 since the previous report)**

The former tenant had experienced difficulties obtaining the correct wage from their employer and had agreed to pay an extra £50 per month. The former tenant has been adhering to their payment plan with £50 expected later this month.

**Tenant 5 – Arrears £3,010.16 (decreased by £265.10 since the previous report)**

The tenant is adhering to their payment plan.

**Tenant 6 – Arrears £5,073.71 (increased by £464.60 since the previous report)**

The tenant was making regular payments in excess of their monthly rent and a monthly payment is due around the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, however the June payment didn't arrive, the July payment was insufficient and the August payment hasn't been made with an insufficient September payment arriving on the 2 October. The tenant had promised to pay £550 in August then £650 per month thereafter until arrears are cleared. The housing officer has sent the tenant a notice to quit the premises and is now liaising with the tenant. The tenant was due in the office for a meeting in January but is not engaging with the Housing Officer.

**Tenant 7 – Arrears £1,432.47 (decreased by £14.32 since the previous report)**

The tenant is not adhering to their payment plan and they are only paying rent without reducing arrears. The housing officer has been advised that the tenant's partner has changed job and rent payments will resume when they get paid. A payment is expected later in the month.

**Tenant 8 – Arrears £927.78 (no movement since the previous report)**

The former tenant is now in a residential home and the family are paying down the arrears in instalments with another payment due.

**Tenant 9 – Arrears £4,816.33 (increased by £33.16 since the previous report)**

The tenant has retired from full time employment and is now living in a smaller property which, along with now receiving benefits, would allow them to cover their rent. The tenant had been written to previously with a firmer letter sent as a follow up and has agreed to a new payment plan but is yet to adhere to it. The housing officer is arranging a meeting with the tenant.

**Tenant 10 – Arrears £1,566.31 (decreased by £83.48 since the previous report)**

The tenant is adhering to their payment plan with several payments due this month.

**Tenant 11 – Arrears £1,551.39 (decreased by £66.61 since the last report)**

The tenant had left their employment and has to wait six weeks for benefits, however, they are paying their monthly rent with several payments due this month. The tenant will be returning to work soon, but the DHSS have yet to pay the tenant's rent. A payment plan was in place and a new plan has been agreed with the tenant who will pay an extra £100 per month.

**Tenant 12 – Arrears £1,106.41 (increased by £56.52 since the previous report)**

The tenant is paying extra each week to reduce arrears with three more payments due this month.

**Tenant 13 – Arrears £1,105.16 (decreased by £60.08 since the last report)**

The tenant is adhering to their payment plan.

**Tenant 14 – Arrears £780.59 (decreased by £39.44 since the last report)**

The tenant is adhering to their payment plan.

**Tenant 15 – Arrears £1,519.36 (decreased by £60.48 since the last report)**

The tenant is adhering to their payment plan.

**Tenant 16 – Arrears £826.86 (new addition to the report)**

The tenant has liaised with the Housing Officer explaining that they have been in hospital for a protracted period of time and are returning to work in February whereupon arrears will be dealt with.

**Two tenants have been removed from the report. One tenant has been added to the report.**

Email: lisaphilliskirk@gov.im  
Our Ref: LP/RS  
Your ref:  
Date: 22 January 2025

**To All Local Authority Clerks/Chief Executives**  
(via email)

I have recently been appointed to the Department of Infrastructure as a Political Member with responsibility for Housing policy with the Department.

As you are no doubt aware, the government has set out an ambition to expand affordable housing stock on the Island, which I believe must include the expansion of public sector housing stock. Local Authorities are key providers of public sector housing and have a vital role to play in meeting housing need in our community.

Good, appropriate housing is a keystone to every aspect of our nation's stability and wellbeing. Appropriate housing is a subjective matter and is relative to the needs of all of our residents, with some looking to improve their living situation for general reasons and others requiring accommodation of a specific nature to meet their needs. For the purpose of this communication, I am referring to all types of accommodation to address all types of need and aspiration, both rental and owner occupation.

I am keen to adopt a strategic approach to addressing housing need, this approach will be influenced by the valuable information provided by the Objective Assessment of Housing Needs and information provided by Local Authorities in terms of their own local identified needs and plans to address these shortages.

In this respect, the Department would like to ask you to submit your proposals for the provision of new housing in your area, taking into account your consideration of the housing needs of your districts. This is a function of local authorities under the Housing Act 1955 (the Act), and I have copied the relevant section of the Act at the end of this correspondence to assist you<sup>1</sup>. The Act allows the Department to give notice of this requirement which would require local authorities to provide these plans to the Department within three months and I would like this letter to serve as this formal notice.

I fully appreciate that not all local authorities are housing providers. I also appreciate and acknowledge that there are varying levels of expertise and capacity within each authority, and that addressing housing need may be an intimidating challenge for some areas.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix 1

As such I am not expecting every local authority to have a comprehensive housing plan already in place, or ready for submission within three months, but I would be very grateful if you could provide what assessment of housing need and housing proposals you have, or are able to provide, within this timescale. As an enabler of housing development the Department is happy to assist you as much as we are able.

To assist, the sort of information the Department is seeking is along the following lines:

Housing Strategies or Plans relating to:

1. Identified areas for development and potential use of land for accommodation
2. Plans for renovation of existing housing stock

In addition to the above, and where a housing/development strategy is not in existence please provide:

3. Plans for new build, which have not been approved by planning (provide numbers of units divided into private sector and social housing developments)
4. Disused or underutilised structures that have been identified for potential demolition/development
5. Plots ripe for development with no existing formal plans

If you are aware of barriers to your plans, please share them with us so that we can best understand any difficulties and consider how we might be able to assist, or work together to overcome these barriers.

It is my intention to use the information you provide to collectively pull together a plan for how we can move forward with the development and construction of new public sector housing stock.

Whilst writing I thought I would also take the opportunity to advise you that the Department is committed to reviewing the entirety of the public sector rent setting process with the aim being to see if we can empower local authorities to better assist you in managing your own housing portfolios. The Department will be reaching out to you in due course in connection with this piece of work.

Given that the work this letter has highlighted will require close collaboration between the Department and local authorities I am minded to organise a housing conference this year so that we can collectively discuss the information provided and work out a sensible way forward. I would be very grateful if you could advise in your response whether your Board believes this would be a worthwhile endeavour.

Lastly, I have been asked by Minister Haywood to include in this letter a request for any information local authorities may have in relation to non-housing capital projects that are planned to come forward. This is information that the Department is hoping to gather, to better understand the potential future level of demand for the Island's construction sector originating from the public sector.

Please also remember to add anything immediate in your Housing Deficiency projection discussions.

I would be grateful if you could please send your returns to [lisa.philliskirk@gov.im](mailto:lisa.philliskirk@gov.im) by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

I appreciate this letter is asking a lot from your authorities and if you have any questions or require any assistance or guidance please don't hesitate to contact the head of Housing in the Department, Lisa Philliskirk, by email. I am also more than happy to come and discuss this letter with your Members should they have any questions or suggestions. Please let Lisa know, or contact me directly at [lawrie.hooper@gov.im](mailto:lawrie.hooper@gov.im)

I look forward to hearing from you as we open what I hope will be an exciting new chapter for public sector housing on the Island.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrie Hooper', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lawrie Hooper  
Member of the Department of Infrastructure  
Member of the House of Keys for Ramsey

Cc Minister Haywood, Minister Ashford

## **PART IV – PROVISION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION**

### *General Powers and Duties of Local Authorities*

#### **Duty of local authorities periodically to review housing conditions in their areas and to frame proposals.**

It shall be the duty of every local authority to consider the housing conditions in their district and the needs of the district with respect to the provision of further housing accommodation and for that purpose to review the information which has been brought to their notice, either as a result of inspections and surveys carried out under section one of this Act or otherwise, and as often as occasion arises, or within three months after notice has been given to them by the Department, to prepare and submit to the Department proposals for the provision of new houses, distinguishing those houses which the authority propose to provide for the purpose of rendering accommodation available for persons to be displaced by, or in consequence of, action taken by the authority under this Act.

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning Applications**

25/90105/B - Rivelin, 9 Kallow Point Road for erection of front porch and 2 first floor dormers to front elevation; replacement of roof and addition of rooflights; replacement of conservatory with porch to rear elevation; replacement render; installation of flue for wood burner.

25/90064/B – Oirr-Ny-Marrey, The Promenade for replacement of windows on side and rear elevations (Retrospective).

25/90107/B – Thie Ny Marrey, 8 Perwick Road for extensions and alterations to existing residential dwelling, installation of PV solar panels, landscaping work and erection of garden shed

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS****MEETING & EVENT DATES 2025**

<b>2025 Meeting &amp; Events Dates</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Board meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Board meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Local Authority Elections</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Annual General Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Board meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Monas Queen memorial event
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Board meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Board meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Board meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Board meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Board meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Remembrance Day service
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Board meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Board meeting

Members are requested to keep the second Wednesday of each month free for additional meetings as and when required.



**Valuation List for the VILLAGE OF PORT ST MARY under the Rating and Valuation Acts, 1953 to 1991  
1st SUPPLEMENTAL LIST 2025**

Property Code	Property Reference			Address	Description	Proprietor	Occupier	Remarks	Valuations Cancelled		Proposed New Valuation		Final Valuation	
	Town	Area	Prop						GV	RV	GV	RV	GV	RV
171211	59	0030	0190	4A Athol Street	Shop			Part of House No 4	0	0	0	0		
173815	59	0130	0190	Craig Lea Fistard	Detached House	Mrs Sandilands	o/o	Property is inhabited	0	0	85	68		
170760	59	0180	0280	High Street	Shop			Demolished	0	0	0	0		
170914	59	0180	0430	7 High Street	Shop	Exor Est of J T Kelly Dec'd	o/o	Unfit for habitation in current situation	145	116	0	0		
170922	59	0180	0440	7A High Street	Flat	Exor Est of J T Kelly Dec'd	o/o	Unfit for habitation in current situation	120	96	0	0		
171952	59	0220	1030	Sea Cottage, 3 Lime Street	House	Dr Rish & Mr Crowther	o/o	Addition of conservatory to rear	52	42	56	45		
171813	59	0220	1170	Glion Vooar 17 Lime Street	Mid Terrace House	Mr & Mrs McGreevy	o/o	Property is inhabitable again	0	0	115	92		
171245	59	0280	0110	Ivydene New Quay	Detached House	Phillips and McCann	o/o	Unfit for habitation in current situation	115	92	0	0		
173182	59	0290	0110	St Elmo Park Road	Detached Bungalow		o/o	Unfit for habitation in current situation, Likley the property will be demolished	70	56	0	0		
169795	59	0330	0080	Thornycroft, 8 Primrose Terrace	Terraced House	Mr and Mrs Corkill	o/o	Unfit for habitation in current situation	150	120	0	0		
<b>Total</b>									<b>652</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Item 10.3

**Isle of Man Local Authority Rates**

**Financial Year 2025/26**

**Order Based on Pence in the Pound and Excluding Refuse Charges**

Highest to Lowest Cost per Household	Local Authority	Population as per 2021 Census	2023/24 Pence in the Pound Rate	2024/25 Pence in the Pound Rate	Rate Increase (Pence in the Pound)	Rate Increase (%)	2023/24 Additional Refuse Charge per Household	2024/25 Additional Refuse Charge per Household	2024/25 Additional Refuse Charge Increase per Household
1	Douglas	26,677	573	602	29	5.06%	-	-	-
2	Ramsey	8,288	495	510	15	3.03%	-	-	-
3	Onchan	9,039	411	431	20	4.87%	-	-	-
4	Port St. Mary	1,989	395.65	419	23	5.90%	-	-	-
5	Castletown	3,206	388	398	10	2.58%	£220.00	£230.00	£10.00
6	Port Erin	3,730	378	385	7	1.85%	-	-	-
7	Braddan	3,404	351	357	6	1.71%	£50.00	£92.00	£42.00
8	Peel	5,710	270	272	2	0.74%	£257.00	£263.00	£6.00
9	Patrick	1,487	243	248	5	2.06%	-	-	-
10	Malew	2,367	199	199	0	0.00%	-	-	-
11	Garff - Laxey, Lonan, Maughold	4,255	191.5	204.9	13	7.00%	£215.50	£230.59	£15.09
12	Marown	2,220	195	239	44	22.56%	-	-	-
13	Arbory & Rushen	3,560	174	183	9	5.17%	-	-	-
14	Jurby	780	162	171	9	5.56%	£52.00	£52.00	£0.00
15	Santon	749	160	187	27	16.88%	-	-	-
16	Michael	1,522	148	161	13	8.78%	£52.00	£52.00	£0.00
17	Andreas	1,400	142	144	2	1.41%	£52.00	£52.00	£0.00
18	Ballaugh	1,041	135	138	3	2.22%	£52.00	£52.00	£0.00
19	Lezayre	1,230	110.5	114	4	3.17%	£52.00	£52.00	£0.00
20	German	1,056	95	97	2	2.11%	£160.00	£165.00	£5.00
21	Bride	359	70	70	0	0.00%	£52.00	£52.00	£0.00

Item 11.1

## PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS

### PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

**From:** Thomas, Chris <[Chris.Thomas@gov.im](mailto:Chris.Thomas@gov.im)>

**Sent:** 13 February 2025 16:44

**To:** Thomas, Chris (Tynwald) <[Chris.thomas@parliament.org.im](mailto:Chris.thomas@parliament.org.im)>

**Subject:** FW: Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 - my amendment to Mr Hooper's new clause

Dear Clerks

Please find in the tail below my email of 10 February to all Tynwald members in respect of my amendments to Lawrie Hooper's new clause in the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023.

I think this the new clause which passed at clauses stage on 11 February, after 5 of my 7 amendments were accepted by Keys is:

#### **Power to require performance of functions**

- 1. The Department of Infrastructure may by regulations — (a) impose on a local authority or joint board a duty to perform a specified function; (b) amend any enactment to, by such means as it considers appropriate, impose on a local authority or joint board a duty to perform a function that the enactment empowers the local authority or joint board to perform at its discretion. Tynwald procedure – approval required.**
- 2. Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Department of Infrastructure must consult (a) the local authority or joint board concerned; and (b) any other body likely to be affected by the regulations.**
- 3. When making regulations under subsection (1), the Department of Infrastructure may specify minimum standards in a manner equivalent to that provided for in section 4A(1) and (2)(b).**
- 4. For the avoidance of doubt, section 5 applies to regulations made under this section.**
- 5. Regulations under subsection (1) may require a local authority or joint board to discharge its duty to perform a function by making a financial contribution to the performance of that function by another person where — (a) the function entails provision of a facility or service; (b) the function is identical to that of another person in close geographical proximity to the district of the local authority; and (c) joint provision of a single facility or service by the local authority and the other person would be efficient and therefore in the public interest.**

I imagine the third reading will be on 25<sup>th</sup> February and I invite any comments from clerks, councillors or commissioners who might like me to reflect any views in my speech. Then of course the bill goes to Legislative Council again.

From memory two of us voted against the new clause even after it was amended through our amendments, me and my seconder.

Thanks in anticipation.

Best regards

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**Subject:** Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 - my amendment to Mr Hooper's new clause

Dear Minister, Dear Mr Speaker, Dear Lawrie, Dear Honourable Members

Mr Hooper's new clause, providing a power to mandate local authorities to perform functions, provides a great launch pad and kick start for engagement to develop a future local authority reform bill. In fact the other new clauses which were voted down in principle - the power to sanction legal entities, and to make councillors and commissioners personally liable, for failures to perform functions – are also important inputs into this process.

But I maintain that it is wrong to introduce this clause now into this bill which has already been in train for more than a decade for the reasons I made at second reading; no engagement, settled policy before law, financial implications without formal consideration and – most importantly – risking the whole bill for this new clause.

However I write to persuade members that my amendments to the new clause make it better. If passed the clause would be:

#### **Power to require performance of functions**

- 1. The Council of Ministers may by regulations — (a) impose on a local authority or joint board a duty to perform a specified function; (b) amend any enactment to, by such means as it considers appropriate, impose on a local authority or joint board a duty to perform a function that the enactment empowers the local authority or joint board to perform at its discretion. Tynwald procedure – approval required.**
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- 6. Regulations that make provision permitted by subsection (5) must specify the other person to whom the local authority or joint board, as the case may be, is required to make a financial contribution.**

In summary my amendments improve the following dimensions of Mr Hooper's new clause:

- Department of Infrastructure is replaced by Council of Ministers as other Departments are engaged in local authority functions, not only DoI. For instance swimming pools and waste sit with others, and housing could do;
- Introduce joint boards in the new clause as this Bill is aimed to improve the workings of joint boards and it seems logical for these joint boards to be able to perform functions under the new process;

- “Mandate” is undefined currently, although it is used as a noun, but not as a verb, in the Manx Care Act. I asked for the exact meaning of “mandate” to be spelled out as making a power into a duty;
- The means of this requirement, and the person who is required to do something, are now spelt out so that consideration of whether this is by agreement, delegation, contract etc. is clearer at an earlier stage; and
- Consultation is required with others affected, as well as the directly concerned local authority or joint board.

We also need to remember that local authorities or another person can use ratepayer funds for financing these functions, or they can be provided using taxpayer funds through the provision in the 1981 Rates Act:

““Government aid to local authorities (1) The Treasury may after consultation with the Department of Infrastructure, out of money provided by Tynwald make, or undertake to make, or cause to be made such contributions to any local authority for any purpose mentioned in subsection (2) as the Treasury shall, subject to the approval of Tynwald determine.<sup>6</sup> (2) The purposes for which the Treasury may assist any local authority under subsection (1) are the provision of the following services by that local authority, namely, highways, highway cleansing, sewers, sewage and refuse disposal, and environmental health.<sup>7</sup> (3) A contribution to a local authority under this section may amount to a complete indemnity of the costs of that local authority in the provision of any of the services mentioned in subsection (2). (4) The Department of Infrastructure may, with the concurrence of the Treasury, and subject to the approval of Tynwald, by order extend, amend or modify the list of services mentioned in subsection (2

Thanks in anticipation for considering this amendment.

Best regards

Chris

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**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINARY BOARD MEETING**

**26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**AGENDA – PRIVATE SESSION**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	
	<b>Four Members who were present are required to approve Minutes</b>	
1.1	Minutes of the Private Meeting held on the 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	For Board approval
<b>2.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
2.1	Matters arising from previous meetings	Clerk to provide necessary updates
<b>3.</b>	<b>FINANCE – None</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>HOUSING - None</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>PROJECTS</b>	
5.1	PSM Workshop	For Board discussion
5.2	Dog fouling	For Board discussion
<b>6.</b>	<b>POLICY &amp; RESOURCES - None</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>STAFFING</b>	
7.1	Full time DLO position – verbal update to be provided	For noting
<b>8.</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS</b>	
8.1	Southern Civic Amenity Site Board	NME to provide update
8.2	Southern Sheltered Housing Joint Board	BW to provide update

8.3	Southern Swimming Pool Board	LVW to provide update
8.4	IoM Municipal Association	JT & DS to provide update
8.5	Southern Authorities Health Care Committee	CO'M to provide update
<b>9.</b>	<b>PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE - None</b>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE (BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR)</b>	

Note: Local Government Act 1985, section 65; Disclosure of Information 'Any member or former member of a local authority who, without the consent of the authority, divulges any information communicated to him in confidence as such member shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000.'