

Media Release from Ramsey Town Commissioners (RTC) concerning the cessation of operational management of the Northern Civic Amenity Site

On 31st March 2025, the Northern Civic Amenity Site will close to the public. This is to allow for operations to be wound down, prior to the hand-back of the site to the Department of Infrastructure (DOI) on the 30th April 2025. This may lead to some redundancies.

Chair of RTC Mr Robert Cowell explained; “Ramsey Town Commissioners have operated the Northern Civic Amenity Site on behalf of the Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee since it was taken on in 2017. Regrettably, that multi-parish partnership was fatally fractured in 2023 when Bride took a profoundly different view on the funding model that had been in place from the start and unilaterally withdrew from the function.

This left a significant and, in the end, irreconcilable operational funding gap, which despite tireless efforts has proven impossible to resolve. We, along with the Committee recognise the significant impact that the loss of the Civic Amenity Site will have on Northern residents, with no public facility now open to them for disposal of larger waste items that would ordinarily be taken there.

The future for the provision of an amenity site now rests with the DOI and we are hopeful a resolution with them will be found. We would urge residents to plan for the closure date and endeavour to clear big items that won't fit into their domestic refuse bins.

We will also be working with our partners to deal robustly with any instances of fly-tipping and ask that people across the island respect our landscape and refrain from doing so. We also are committed to looking after our staff who are directly affected by this outcome.”

The NCAS is operated by RTC for Northern Local Authorities