

Re: Northern Civic Amenity Site Contributions for 2026/27

Dear Northern Local Authorities,

I am writing to advise you of the revised annual contributions required from each northern local authority in relation to the operation of the Northern Civic Amenity Site for the forthcoming contract period.

In November 2025, the Department provided a pre-tender estimate annual operating cost of £600,000. Following completion of a full and competitive tender process—and the conclusion of the mandatory standstill period under the applicable procurement regulations—the Department will confirm the appointment of the new operator on Tuesday, 24th March.

The Department is satisfied that the selected operator offers strong value for money for ratepayers within the northern authorities. The successful tender provides continuity and stability of service at the facility. Taking into account the variable elements within the contract, the anticipated annual operating cost is now projected to fall within the range of £700,000 to £750,000 per annum. For clarity, these figures relate solely to operational expenses; rental costs will be addressed separately.

Based on a mid-range projected annual operating cost of £725,000, the expected contributions from each authority are as follows:

		Operating Cost	
2026/27		Nov 2025 Pre-Tender	March 2026 Post-Tender Average
Local Authority	Rateable Value (%)	£600,000	£725,000
Andreas	7.592	£45,553	£55,043
Ballaugh	5.627	£33,764	£40,798
Bride	15.313	£91,879	£111,020
Jurby	4.365	£26,189	£31,645
Lezayre	8.133	£48,800	£58,967
Maughold	6.164	£36,983	£44,688
Ramsey	52.805	£316,832	£382,839
Total	100.000	£600,000	£725,000

Following the establishment of core services by the operator, these contributions will reinstate the required services previously provided at the site. The new contract includes arrangements for managing the re-use shed, control of commercial waste, and plasterboard handling.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of securing the continued operation of this valuable community facility. Without the necessary financial contributions from all participating local authorities, there is a material risk that the Northern Civic Amenity Site may be forced to close. Such an outcome would have significant operational, environmental, and social implications for the North.

The Department remains committed to working constructively with local authorities to ensure the site remains open and able to deliver the enhanced services outlined above. We are confident that, through continued collaboration and timely confirmation of contributions, the facility can be sustained for the long-term benefit of northern ratepayers.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss the revised cost projections in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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