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To all Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee via Microsoft Teams on Monday 15 March 2021 at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

To the press and public: Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Friday 12 March by the Communications Officer Joanne Harper via the contact details above.

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Kelly Lawrence – Committee Officer
Date: 09.03.21

AGENDA

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| 1 | Chairman's opening remarks and apologies for absence: | Chairman |
| 2 | Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda. | Attach. 1 |
| 3 | The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 15 February 2021 for approval: Decision required | Attach. 2 |
| 4 | Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda to be read out by the Town Clerk (maximum 15 minutes): For councillor information | Committee Officer |
| 5 | Correspondence Received: Response from Goodwin Academy: Information to note | Attach. 3 |
| 6 | Report on No Idling Campaign: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decisions required | Attach. 4 |
| 7 | Share UK: Report from Adrian Oliver: Decisions required | Attach. 5 |
| 8 | Update on the committee projects/initiatives: Report from Adrian Oliver: Information to note | Attach. 6 |
| 9 | Great British Spring Clean/ Litter Pick: Verbal report from Cllr E Rowbotham: Information to note | Attach. 7 |
| | Date of next meeting 21 April 2021 | |

Committee members: Cllr C Oliver, Cllr E Rowbotham, Cllr B Bano, Cllr T Bond, Cllr A Farrington, Cllr T Thompson, Ms S Danby and Mr D Carey

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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**The minutes of the remote meeting of the Environment Committee
held on Monday 15 February 2021 starting at 7.15pm**

Present:

Cllr C Oliver – Chairman

Cllr B Bano

Cllr T Thompson

Cllr T Bond

David Carey (Co-opted member)

Sharon Danby (Co-opted member)

Officers:

Committee Clerk: Kelly Lawrence

Project Officer: Adrian Oliver

Secretary: Una Finch

Communication Officer: Joanne Harper

Others: 2 members of the public

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| 1. | Chairman's opening remarks: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting, advised on the procedures for the evening and reported apologies from Cllr Kettlewell, Cllr Rowbotham and Cllr Farrington. | Actions |
| 2. | Declarations of interest: None received. | |
| 3. | Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 25 January 2021 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 25 January 2021 as a true and accurate record (P) CO (S) TT All agreed. | |
| 4. | Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda: The Clerk read a statement on item 7, regarding the Great British Spring Clean. | |
| 5. | Correspondence Received: Response from DDC Climate Change Climate Officer regarding the invite to give a presentation to the committee: Members RESOLVED: To note the report (P) TB (S) TT All agreed. | |
| 6. | <p>Request for committee input to the DDC Local Plan: Members agreed that the following be submitted as a recommendation to the Full Council meeting on 23 February for consideration:</p> <p>Strategic Policy 1: Planning for Climate Change: Members RESOLVED: To accept this policy with the amendment: Ensuring that development is designed to reduce vulnerability to, and provide resilience from, the impacts arising from a changing climate, <u>whilst not increasing greenhouse gas emissions</u>; and to recommend that include explicit reference be made in Strategic Policy 1 to the Climate Emergency that DDC have declared, giving a firm commitment to - rather than 'ambition to' or 'intention of' - delivering a Carbon Neutral district by 2050 (P) CO (S) BB All agreed.</p> <p>DM Policy 1: Reducing Carbon Emissions: Members RESOLVED: To require all new homes to be built to achieve net zero carbon. Where it can be demonstrated this cannot be delivered on-site, developers would then be expected to pay into a carbon off-set fund. This fund would be administered by the Council; and, to require new non-residential development to be built to achieve net zero carbon. Where it can be demonstrated this cannot be delivered on-site, developers would then be expected to pay into a carbon off-set fund. (P) TT (S) CO 3 for 1 abstention motion carried.</p> | Committee clerk |

Policy 2 Sustainable Design and Construction: Members RESOLVED: Members welcome the Sustainable Design and Construction Policy.
(P) CO (S) TT All agreed.

DM Policy 3: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy: Members RESOLVED: To recommend that DDC map the areas within the Dover District that would be potentially suitable to deliver renewable and low carbon energy schemes.
(P) TB (S) CO All agreed.

DM Policy 4: Sustainable Travel: Members RESOLVED: Members welcome the DM Policy 4 with an addition to D: For all other types of residential, commercial, industrial and retail developments provide one electric car charging point for every 10 parking spaces provided, with cabling infrastructure capable of at least doubling this to meet future need. (P) CO (S) TB All agreed.

DM Policy 5: Water Efficiency: Members RESOLVED: The Water for Sustainable Growth Study 2017 correctly asserts that as Dover District is one of the most water scarce areas in the UK, it is appropriate to introduce higher standards than Building Regulations. We recommend that grey water recycling and rainwater harvesting systems be a requirement in new developments. If recycled properly, greywater can save approximately 70 litres of potable water per person per day in domestic households. These systems are best installed as a new build project or when undergoing major regenerations to a house.
(<https://www.thegreenage.co.uk/tech/rainwater-harvesting/>)

(P) CO (S) TT All agreed.

DM Policy 6: Flood Risk & DM Policy 7: Surface Water Management: Members RESOLVED: We feel that DM policies 6 & 7 must be made much stronger. Consideration ought to be given to the area-wide cumulative impact of existing and planned developments, in addition to the application under consideration. (P) TB (S) TT All Agreed

Cllr Bano left the meeting 9pm.

DM Policy 9: Tree Planting and Protection: Members RESOLVED: We consider this policy not to go far enough and that it must be much stronger.

To recommend the following additions be made to the Policy;

- b) "trees should normally be native species, or appropriate sustainable non-native alternatives, appropriate to Kent's expected climatic conditions, sourced in the UK from an appropriate biosecure source" (there is the new "plant healthy" biosecurity sourcing scheme for tree nurseries launched in 2020.)
 - c) "an appropriate contribution could be charged at the KCC Highways prevailing standard rates, currently £250 in verges and £500 in paved areas."
 - d) "...and any dying or dead trees replaced for a 10 year period after completion of the development."
 - e) "....in the interests of amenity, biodiversity and ecosystem services. DDC will set out its own enhanced criteria for making TPOs, to cover biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as amenity value."
- Additional bullet point to be placed here: "DDC to provide appropriate staffing and resources to sustainably and effectively deliver this policy"
- h) suspected typo - replace "(f) and (e)" with "(f) and (g)"

New planting should not normally be considered as an acceptable means by which to mitigate the felling of mature trees, and mature trees should be retained wherever possible. The carbon sequestration benefits, and other amenity value of mature trees must be protected, whether under a formal Tree Preservation Order or not.

There is a focus in the preamble to the policy on trees to be planted and retained within gardens. Council policy should be focussed on public trees as community assets rather than those in private ownership. However, where retaining mature trees on-site requires this to be within a garden of a new development, such trees should then be protected by the making of Tree Preservation Orders.

There should be a presumption that new development will not normally result in the felling of any mature trees of good quality. In addition to the trees per dwelling and jobs there should be a requirement that new developments be tree-lined – planting for the benefit of future generations, but also shrubs and hedgerows for immediate carbon sequestration and amenity impact. [Hedges sequester carbon both in woody growth above ground and in roots, leaf litter and other soil organic matter at and below ground level. In addition, hedges across slopes capture eroding soil and can increase soil organic carbon for up to 60m uphill.]

(<http://www.hedgeline.org.uk/index.php?news=17#:~:text=Hedges%20sequester%20carbon%20both%20in,for%20up%20to%2060m%20uphill.>)

Developments where tree planting cannot be provided on-site should not normally be considered.

The provision that where trees cannot be provided on-site 'a contribution can be made towards the Council's Tree Planting Strategy' should be removed. This is unacceptably vague and there is no published DDC Tree Planting Strategy. A thorough mapping exercise of local tree cover in the District and a comprehensive strategy to increase it should be developed and published.

(P) TT (S) CO All agreed

Mr Carey left the meeting

Strategic Policy 16: Protecting the Districts Hierarchy of Designated Environment Sites:

Members RESOLVED: We consider that development where significant harm to locally identified biodiversity assets cannot be avoided, should not be permitted; and we recommend that the final paragraph of the policy be removed:

'Where harm to designated sites cannot be avoided, appropriate mitigation will be required in line with a timetable to be agreed with the Local Authority. Normally any mitigation measures will be required to be on-site, unless special circumstances dictate that off-site mitigation is more appropriate. A financial contribution - in lieu of on-site mitigation – will only be considered in very exceptional circumstances and where it is demonstrated that the proposed mitigation is deliverable and effective.'

(P) CO (S) TB All Agreed

Strategic Policy 17: Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity:

Members RESOLVED: The Topic Paper on the Natural Environment suggests the existing policy CO8 relating to 'Development which would adversely affect hedgerows' will not be retained. Whilst it may be under-utilised for planning objections, retention

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| | <p>of existing hedgerows is important for biodiversity as well as carbon sequestration. We would ask that CO8 be retained and incorporated into the Local Plan. (P) CO (S) TB All Agreed</p> <p>DM Policy 38: Biodiversity Net Gain: Members RESOLVED: We consider that as legislation requires biodiversity net gains should amount to 10% as a minimum and aim to achieve more wherever possible, that we should increase our ambition. The Kent Nature Partnership (KNP), of which the District Council is a member, is currently considering a doubling in the requirement to 20% in net gain from all developments across the county, so we propose that the figure decided upon by the KNP be adopted instead. (P) CO (S) TB All Agreed</p> <p>Following further discussion members RESOLVED: To agree and recommend the following policies; DM Policy 39: Landscape Character, DM Policy 40: Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA Mitigation Strategy, DM Policy 41: Air Quality, DM Policy 42: Water Supply and Quality (subject to same comment as our recommendation for DM Policy 5), and DM Policy 43: The River Dour: (P) CO (S) TT All Agreed</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Update on the committee projects/initiatives: Members RESOLVED: To note the report (P) CO (S) TT All agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.12pm</p> <p>Date of next meeting – 15 March 2021</p> | |

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

Attach 3

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of Environment Committee and all Committee Members
From: Kelly Lawrence, Committee Officer
Date: 9 March 2021
Subject: Correspondence Received from Goodwin Academy

For members information

At the previous Environment Committee meeting held on 25 January 2021 the following resolution was made: -

Co-opted Members: *Following the Committee Clerk's update members RESOLVED: Committee Clerk in conjunction with the Chair to write to the local secondary school to express their wish to include the views of local young people in the work of the Environment Committee and to include the Climate Emergency information from the Deal Town Council web site. (P) CO (S) LK All agreed*

The following response from Goodwin Academy has since been received: -

Dear Kelly,

Thank you for your email, our Assistant Principal Mrs Bradford will be in touch as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

PA to the Principal



I will keep members updated.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee, and all Committee Members
From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer
Date: 8th March 2021
Subject: **No Idling Poster Competition**

At the Environment Committee meeting held on the 16 November 2020, the following proposal was made:

To postpone the competition until 2021 due to the current Covid restrictions and to communicate with schools to promote the Air Pollution campaign and the competition via cycle safety packs and Mayoral letter.

All pupils have returned to school today and there is a 4 Stage Roadmap out of Lockdown with the final stage due on 21 June 2021.

Having taken soundings from a number of local and national sources, the Project Officer does not believe it would be sensible to run the Competition this Academic Year but to aim to hold the Competition during Term 1 2021 with awards being made during Term 2.

Recommendations:

1. Mayoral Letter to School Head Teachers inviting them to take part in the No-idling Poster Competition – Timing: w/c 7 June 2021
2. Confirmation of Competition w/c 5 July 2021
3. Competition Dates: Start 1 September 2021 ends 22 October 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members

From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 8th March 2021

Subject: **SHARE:UK Correspondence**

Please see correspondence received below from Share UK: -

"Thanks for getting in touch. It's great that the council are looking in to setting up a new Library of Things in Deal!

We are currently in the process of formalising SHARE:UK as a charity to act as a nationwide network of federated Libraries of Things.

Each federated Library will be able to run independently and benefit from being connected to the national body (use of templated systems, start-up help, branding, access to funding etc.)

We're in the final planning stages of this now and should be ready to take on Libraries within the federated structure from the middle of 2021.

Until we have been able to formalise SHARE:UK and obtain funding we are asking potential new LoTs for a minimum £50 donation to SHARE:Frome, the original high street Library of Things, for me to undertake an evening's work answering the specific questions you might have, extracting any data you might need and sending it across with SHARE:Frome's original Toolkit from 2016 (put together one year after they launched) plus other documents including their most borrowed items, liability waiver/borrowing agreement, impact assessment and council letter of support.

If you'd like to do that please email me a set of questions you'd like answering and make a donation at <https://localgiving.org/charity/edventure-frome/project/sharelot/> (If you'd prefer to receive the files before asking questions that's fine too!)

Cheers!

Recommendations:

1. Meet with potential community partners identified by members of the Committee following the January meeting resolution and compile a list of questions for SHARE:UK.
2. Request a budget of £500 for 2021/22 from Full Council to continue developing this work with community partners and SHARE:UK.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL**Attach 6****MEMORANDUM****To:** Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee and all Committee Members**From:** Adrian Oliver, Project Officer**Date:** 8th March 2021**Subject:** **Environment Committee Projects Summary as at 8th March 2021**

| Project | Status | Active Actions | Next Actions | Committee Decisions | Significant dates |
|---|---------------|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| No Idling Poster Competition | HOLD | n/a | Post Lockdown | Post Lockdown | Potential Restart 1/9/21 |
| Air Quality Monitoring | HOLD | Data collection (EC) and Data processing (AO) | Data publishing | Post Lockdown | Potential Restart 1/4/21 |
| Tree Mapping: i-tree eco training | LIVE | Quotes have been requested | Quotes Assessment | Memo to FC (March) | FC 30/3/21 |
| Zero Carbon Deal 2025 | LIVE | RFO Staff Travel Form. | RFO Complete calculations for 2020/21 and as far back as records allow (4/21) | none | Not set |
| Zero Carbon Deal 2025 | LIVE | Investigate the methods and associated costs of carbon offsetting and provide options ensuring best value for money for a future decision | Report to FC | None | Not set |
| Zero Carbon Deal 2025 | LIVE | Assess the internal development of a ZCD 2025 Roadmap | Report back to EC/FC (tbc) | None | Not set |
| Plastic Free Deal – Eliminating Single Use Plastic | LIVE | Obtain accreditation certificate | Promote award | Trash Free Trails Autumn Litter Watch | Not set |
| Business Operations Environment Policy Alignment Review | LIVE | Review Meetings ongoing | Revisions | FC Sign off new documents (DTH Hire Complete) | Not set |

Other Environment Committee Initiatives

| Resolution | Status | Active Actions | Next Actions | Committee Decisions | Significant Dates |
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| 25/1: "Great British Spring Clean/Litter Pick: To recommend to Full Council that DTC supports the Great British September Clean and provides whatever support necessary to the Mayor and her reference with local people to raise awareness of the damaging impact of litter in the town." | LIVE | Attend Community Meetings led by DDC | Tbc | n/a | Great British Spring Clean 28/5-13/6 |
| 25/1: " Cllr Bond to request that litter be on the work program of the DDC Scrutiny Committee and report back to the Environment Committee." | LIVE | DDC Request | TB to Report back to EC | Tbc | - |
| 25/1: " Project Officer in consultation with DDC explore options for the development of Victoria Park, in terms of a natural urban park with an ecological design and to explore potential options for design funding and to report back to the EC" | LIVE | Awaiting reply from DDC | Report back to EC | Tbc | - |
| 25/1: "Golf Courses as Carbon Sinks: Chairman in conjunction with Committee Clerk write to DDC to request them to pursue this opportunity with local golf clubs and the R&A as soon as possible" | LIVE | Email to DDC | - | - | - |
| 25/1: " Chairman in liaison with Project Officer discuss with DDC Cllr Richardson how ground source heat pumps could be used with the development of Tides Leisure Centre as and when the development comes back on stream." | LIVE | Email to Cllr Richardson | - | - | - |
| 25/1: "The Project Officer liaise with SHARE:UK to learn more about members and how they can create a Library and report back to the Committee, and for individual members to liaise with their networks to explore the potential of establishing a partnership to start a Library of Things." | LIVE | See Correspondence / Members liaison | Report back to EC | Tbc | - |

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

Attach 7

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of Environment Committee and all Committee Members
From: Kelly Lawrence, Committee Officer
Date: 9 March 2021
Subject: Great British Spring Clean / Litter picks

For members information

At the previous Environment Committee meeting held on 25 January 2021 the following resolution was made: -

Great British Spring Clean/Litter Pick:

*Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council that Deal Town Council supports the Great British September Clean and provide our support to the Mayor in her work with local people to raise awareness of the damaging impact of litter in the town. Cllr Bond to request that litter be added to the work program of the DDC Scrutiny Committee and report back to the Environment Committee.
(P)ER (S) TT All agreed.*

Full Council has since agreed to support the resolution.

I will keep members updated.