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To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee at Deal Town Hall on **15th December 2021** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

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Lorna Crow – Town Clerk
Date: 7.12.21

AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks	Chairman
2	Apologies for absence	
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach 1
4	The minutes of the extraordinary Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd November 2021 for approval: Decision required	Attach 2
5	Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda to be circulated by the Town Clerk: For councillor information	Town Clerk
6	Southern Water: For Information	Attach 3
7	Council Planting: Decision Required	Attach 4
8	Update on the committee projects/initiatives: Information to note	Attach 5
	Date of next meeting: Monday 14th February 2022	

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Committee members: Cllr C Oliver, Cllr T Thompson, Cllr B Bano, Cllr T Bond, Cllr A Farrington, Cllr T Grist, 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 extraordinary Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 22 November 2021 in the Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr C Oliver – Chairman
Cllr A Farrington
Cllr T Grist

Mr D Carey (Co-opted)
Ms S Danby (Co-opted)

Officers: Mrs L Crow – Town Clerk
Mr P Bone – Deputy Town Clerk

Others: None present

1	Chairman's opening remarks: The Chairman read out the fire instructions and asked all present to ensure their mobile phones were on silent. She then welcomed all to the meeting	
2	Apologies for absence: Cllr B Bano Absent: Cllr T Thompson and Cllr T Bond	
3	Declarations of interest: None received	
4	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 16th August 2021 for approval: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment committee held on 16 August 2021 as a true and accurate record. (P) TG (S) CO All agreed. The Chairman duly signed the minutes	Chairman
5	Statements received from members of the public on items relating to the agenda to be circulated by the Town Clerk: None received	
6	Green Spaces (Town Clerk's) Update: The Town Clerk advised that, unfortunately, Mr Wragg from DDC was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment, however he had stated he would be happy to attend the next one or meet with Cllr Oliver if required. Members considered the report and following a lengthy debate RESOLVED: To request the Town Clerk contacts DDC to ask for their tree retention policy and most recent tree safety reports on the trees in Victoria Park (particularly the Horse Chestnut trees) that had been done within the last 5 years, and to ask for DDC's assurance that they have no plans to remove the Chestnut trees in the next 3 months. To request the Town Clerk obtains quotes from 3 arboriculturists for the undertaking of assessing trees and reports back to the committee. (P) TG (CO) All agreed	Town Clerk Town Clerk
7	i-Tree Eco Survey Progress Report: Following debate members RESOLVED: To defer decision to a future meeting with a view to the survey being restarted in May. In the interim period the Chairman of the committee to meet with the Project Officer to examine the outstanding surveys. (P) CO (S) AF All agreed	Chairman Project Officer
8	Air Pollution Report: Members RESOLVED: To request the Town Clerk assigns members of staff to undertake the Air Quality Monitoring along school commuter routes at peak times, between the hours of 8 – 9 am and 3 – 4 pm. The results of the monitoring to be published on the deal.gov.uk Air Pollution Hub P) CO (S) AF All agreed	Town Clerk

9	<p>Annual Net Zero Review: Members RESOLVED: Request STEM Sustainability to revisit the Council two years after they delivered the carbon literacy training, to review the Town Council's performance towards its Net Zero Carbon goal against the Green House Gas Protocol model. The review, to be delivered before the next Town Meeting in April 2022, in the form of a report on the actions delivered and an assessment of the proposed actions along with any further recommendations to reach Net Zero with minimal offsetting. This review to be conducted annually until 2026. The budget set for this work is £770 this year. (P) CO (S) TG All agreed</p>	<p>Project Officer R.F.O</p>
10	<p>Committee Budget Annual Report: Following debate members RESOLVED: To recommend the following to the Finance & General Purposes committee</p> <p>Environment budget 2021/22: To accept the figures in the agenda item for 2021-22 with the addition of £770 for the Stem report.</p> <p>Environment budget 2022/23: To meet the council's commitment to becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2025 to allow an additional 10% of the total budget value to be added each year to the Environment Committee earmarked reserve.</p> <p>Environment budget 2023/24: To meet the council's commitment to becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2025 to allow an additional 10% of the total budget value to be added each year to the Environment Committee earmarked reserve. (P) CO (S) AF 2 for 1 abstention. Agreed</p>	<p>R.F.O</p>
11	<p>Update on the committee projects/initiatives: Members RESOLVED: To note the report (P) CO (S) TG All agreed</p>	
	<p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm</p>	

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor C Oliver – Chairman of the Environment Committee
Committee members

From: Mrs Lorna Crow – Town Clerk

Date: 6 December 2021

Subject: Southern Water

Information to note

At the Full Council meeting on 30 November the councillors discussed the Flood Action Task Force for Deal which had been set up by Natalie Elphicke MP.

As part of the discussion, they also considered that Parliament was debating the Environment Bill with changes aimed to the law to reduce sewage entering the rivers and seas from storm overflows by placing new legalities on water companies to take water pollution.

Members RESOLVED: That Cllr Mike Eddy will be the Deal Town Council representative on the Deal Task Force. To contact Natalie Elphicke MP to advise that Deal Town Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the decision by the MP for Dover and Deal to vote in favour of allowing water companies to continue to discharge raw sewage into the sea and water courses at levels above EU regulation standard. Given that the constituency is predominantly made up of seaside towns that rely on tourism and clean and safe beaches, her decision is perverse in the extreme. We urge Natalie Elphicke MP to represent the people of Deal by voting against these measures when the issue returns to the House of Commons for a second vote on 27th October.

An update on this will be reported at the next Full Council meeting and council will decide if they want to take any further action.

There will also be a full report included in the Environment Committee agenda for the February meeting which will include options for this committee to consider in assisting the safeguarding of the sea and water courses in Deal.

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Christine Oliver, Chair of the Environment Committee, and all Committee Members
From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer
Date: Tuesday 7th December 2021
Subject: **Planting Project 2021 - 2023**

At the Full Council meeting on November 2021 Councillors resolved: "That Annual Planting is moved from F&GP to the Environment Committee"

At present there are:

- 10 wooden planters along the North Promenade
- 8 brick planters in the High Street
- 5 metal planters in South Street
- 2 wooden planters in Mill Hill
- 2 wooden planters in Alfred Square

There is also funding ring fenced to create more planting in Mill Hill.

In recent times, Councillors have been more prescriptive on the plants to be used. The planting today does not reflect well on the Council nor the Town. The Town Clerk, R.F.O and I are keen to take this project on and will of course take advice from qualified horticulturists.

The Planting Project will work with a local contractor to create planting that will brighten up our town all year round, for residents and visitors. The planting will adapt to the different microclimates of the different locations, but will include:

- evergreen planting
- phyto-sensor air pollution capture
- spring bulbs
- summer colour

The planting will have an emphasis on native plants and be environmentally sensitive.

There are also 70 hanging baskets that will be reviewed once the work on the planters and the Mill Hill planting has been completed.

The budget for the Planting Project is allocated annually by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. For 2021/22 the budget was £8,000 plus £4,000 for new planting in Mill Hill. At this stage, it is not envisaged that this budget will need increasing in 2022/23. The Planting Project should be able to achieve its objective of brightening up the town all year round, on the same level of funding.

Recommendation

- Members to agree that the Project Officer, R.F.O and Town Clerk complete this project.
- Members to agree to delegate decisions for this project, provided that it remains in budget, to the Project Officer, R.F.O and Town Clerk.

Decisions required:

- Members to consider the above recommendations

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Adrian Oliver, Project Officer

Date: 7th December 2021

Subject: **Environment Committee Projects Summary as at 7th December 2021**

Project	Activity	Status
School Air Quality	No Idling School Posters Competition	Arranging presentations, banners, signage & comms activity for January
Air Quality Monitoring	Measuring air quality at a hyper local level and reporting on website	Monitoring by staff to start in January
Tree Mapping	Tree mapping	Surveying suspended until May
DTH Zero Carbon Deal 2025	DTH Heat Decarbonisation Plan	First draft
	LGA Accounting Tool	Historic data input
	RFO provide investment restrictions info	Circulating
	GKI Zero Pro	GKI Meeting tba
	Zero Carbon Review	Commissioning
	Zero Carbon Training	Arranging
Litter	Litter 2-minute pick	Purchasing
Single Use Plastic	Plastic free Deal	With PFD

Other Environment Committee Initiatives

Resolution	Active Actions	Next Actions	Committee Decisions
Victoria Park Trees (CO/LC)	Quotes from arborists (LC/DC)		February
	Awaiting response from DDC re timing of tree felling, tree retention policy and most recent tree safety reports		
Sainsburys Letter: External greening	Meeting with branch manager		
Vandalised tree in the High Street (AO)	With KHS		
Fields in Trust (CO/LC)	Meeting with DDC Officers		
Explore Utility Supplier Options (RFO)			
Long term utility pricing terms (RFO)			
Explore utility suppliers (RFO)			
Explore introducing longer term CO2 reductions related to the use of the Town Hall. (CO/TC/RFO)			