



Deal Town Council
Town Hall, High Street, Deal, CT14 6TR

To all Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Full Council at the Town Hall on Tuesday 31 October 2023 at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

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 Monday 30 October 2023 by email to deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all councillors present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

Mrs. L Crow - Town Clerk

Date: 22 October 2023

AGENDA

1	Chairperson' s opening remarks:	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence received:	Town Clerk
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 Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 September for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach. 2
5	Public Participation and Statements received: For councillor information: Members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	Town Clerk
6	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing from the 1 August to 30 September 2023: Decision required.	Attach. 3
7	Recommendation from the Environment Committee for Declaration of Ecological Emergency: Decisions required.	Attach. 4
8	Deal Warm Welcome 2023/24 Update: Decisions required.	Attach. 5
9	Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan Update: Decision required.	Attach. 6
10	Request from Deal Speaking Up Group re Phlebotomy Unit – Deal Victoria Hospital: Decision required.	Attach. 7
11	Correspondence Update: For information	Attach. 8
12	Deal Town Council Committee Minutes: Information to note. (a) The minutes of the Environment committee meeting held on 16.08.23	Attach. 9
	Date of next Full Council meeting: Tuesday 28 November 2023	

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 Full Council meeting held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr O Richardson (Chairperson) Cllr A Friend (Vice Chairperson)
 Cllr B Bano Cllr M Eddy
 Cllr S Beer Cllr P Jull
 Cllr S Brookfield Cllr D Parks
 Cllr D Cronk Cllr M Walters
 Cllr M Cronk
 Cllr S Cullen (from 7.30pm)

Officers: Mrs. L Crow (Town Clerk) Others: 1 member of public
 Mr P Bone (Responsible Finance Officer)
 Ms. N Miller (Climate Change & Communications Officer)
 Mrs. C McKay (Clerical Officer)

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: Cllr Richardson welcomed all to the meeting and advised of the safety fire evacuation instructions, he asked all present to turn their mobiles off or to silent. He stated that his month had been busy as Mayor and that he had had the privilege of representing Deal on 22 September, the anniversary of the bombing at Deal Barracks, at the HMS Kent Ceremonial March Past where he was asked to carry out the inspection of the Royal Marines Band inspection, he advised that he had also had the honour of attending the private memorial service in Deal.	
2	Apologies for absence received: Cllr Craggs and Cllr Bond due to prior commitments, Cllr P Findley unwell.	
3	Declarations of interest: Cllr A Friend declared a VAOI for agenda item 7 as he worked with a mental health group. Cllr P Jull declared a OSI for agenda item 8 as he is the Chairman of the Deal and Walmer Chamber of Trade. Cllr B Bano declared a VAOI for agenda item 9 and 10 as he is a director of a sanctuary support group. Cllr M Walters advised that he was a member of the Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade Christmas Lights Sub-committee and for this reason would leave the room after speaking to agenda item 8.	
4	The minutes of the Full Council meetings for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25 July 2023 and the Extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on 5 September 2023 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Cronk All agreed The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	
5	Public Participation and Statements received: No statements were received. One member of the public stated that they were disappointed no paper copies of the agenda were available at the meeting for the public and that guidance on how to access the Council's Wi-Fi should be displayed to assist members of the public in accessing the agenda online. They then spoke on agenda item 10 advising that they felt the cost for hot chocolate was excessive and that a drone would not be necessary.	

6	<p>List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing from the 1 June to 31 July 2023: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Cronk All agreed</p>	
7	<p>Deal Warm Welcome 2023/24: Cllr S Cullen joined the meeting. Members RESOLVED: To go ahead with Warm Welcome 23/24 as recommended and to issue the venue payments in two halves, half up front and the second payment when the monitoring reports have been received. To request that further information is received from United Families and Deal Foodbank on how they would use funding to help residents in urgent need and to keep warm is brought to the next meeting of full council before a decision is taken on this funding. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr M Eddy 9 for 3 abstentions. Agreed.</p>	Comms Officer/ R.F.O
8	<p>Request from Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade re Christmas Lights Switch On 2023: Cllr P Jull left the room. Cllr M Walters advised council of the Chambers Christmas Lights sub-committee plans and left the room.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED: To grant free hire of the Undercroft, no live animals allowed, on Saturday 25 November, for the Chamber of Trade to hold a Santa's Grotto during the day and evening until 8.00pm, subject to satisfactory risk assessments being received from the Chamber of Trade. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to make this decision. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr S Cullen All agreed.</p> <p>Members further RESOLVED: To grant the Chamber of Trade free hire of the Council Chamber on Saturday 25 November from 6.30pm for their VIPs to gather before the Christmas Light Switch On. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Beer All Agreed.</p> <p>Members further RESOLVED: To grant free hire of the Council Chamber to the Chamber of Trade, on Saturday 25 November, for the Chamber of Trade to hold a party in the evening until 11.00pm. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Beer 6 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions. Agreed.</p> <p>Cllr P Jull and Cllr M Walters returned to the meeting.</p>	Facilities Manager/ Town Clerk Facilities Manager Facilities Manager
9	<p>Report on Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan: Members RESOLVED: To accept the draft Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan in principle, to be delivered in partnership with other stakeholders. Officers to add further clarification to the draft and take to the next meeting of Full Council for decision. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr B Bano 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. Agreed.</p>	Comms Off/Town Clerk/ R.F.O
10	<p>Winter Lights Event 2023: Members RESOLVED: To agree a budget of £500 for refreshments supplied by Deal Pier Kitchen for the event and if a free local volunteer photographer, drone or videographer cannot be found within two weeks of this meeting then to fund a drone at a cost of £450 to film the event. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to make this decision. (P) Cllr S Cullen (S) Cllr D Parks 8 for, 2 against, 3 abstaining. Agreed.</p>	Comms Off/Town Clerk
11	<p>Climate Change Officers Climate Action update: The R.F.O updated council on the decision taken by the F&GP committee on the Mayoral/DTC Car. Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed</p>	

12	<p>Water harvesting project update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed</p>	
13	<p>Correspondence Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Cronk All agreed</p>	
14	<p>Deal Town Council Committee Minutes: Members RESOLVED: To note the minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 03.07.23 and 07.08.23, the minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure committee meeting held on 12.07.23, the minutes of the Environment committee meeting held on 14.06.23 and the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes committee meeting held on 11.07.23. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed</p> <p>The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.50pm</p>	

Deal Town Council - Nat West Combined A/C's
List of Payments made between 01/08/2023 and 31/08/2023

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid
01/08/2023	DDC	PLANNING PER. FOR SCULPTURE	£ 295.00
01/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	Town Hall Maintenance items	£ 485.29
03/08/2023	STALL HOLDER	BRADERIE REFUND	£ 60.00
03/08/2023	RYAN ROGERS GARDEN	ALLOT MAINT GR	£ 160.00
03/08/2023	RYAN ROGERS GARDEN	ALLOT MAINT MR	£ 140.00
03/08/2023	RYAN ROGERS GARDEN	ALLOT MAINT PA	£ 140.00
03/08/2023	WALKER HIGHWAYS	ROAD CLOSURE SAT MKT	£ 1,650.00
03/08/2023	TOTAL SUPPLIES	BLACK SACKS FOR BINS TH	£ 23.51
04/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	ALLOTS GUTTERING PA	£ 175.97
04/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	GUTTERING ALLOTS MR	£ 175.97
04/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	ALLOTS GUTTERING GR	£ 175.97
07/08/2023	VODAFONE BUSINESS	WORK MOBILE PHONES	£ 96.91
09/08/2023	GREENTECH	EBIKE TRACKING SUBSCRIPTION	£ 530.00
09/08/2023	GLOBAL4 TELECOM	LANDLINE TOWN HALL	£ 186.64
10/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	ALLOTS GUTTERING PA	£ 177.83
10/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	ALLOTS GUTTERING MR	£ 177.84
10/08/2023	SCREWFIX DIRECT	ALLOTS GUTTERING GR	£ 177.83
11/08/2023	HIRER	REFUND OF WEDDING PYMT	£ 270.00
11/08/2023	SANDWICH TOWN COUNCIL	MAYOR DEPUTIES SUPPER	£ 45.00
15/08/2023	NATWEST CHARGES	NATWEST CHARGES	£ 37.35
15/08/2023	STAS HANGING SYSTEMS	PICTURE HANGING SYS PARLOUR	£ 1,566.24
17/08/2023	KCS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	COPIER RENTAL TOWN HALL	£ 161.44
18/08/2023	BACS	DEAL TC SALARIES	£ 19,813.08
18/08/2023	PENSION COSTS	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	£ 4,993.78
18/08/2023	PLUSNET	AUGUST INTERNET TOWN HALL	£ 48.07
18/08/2023	BUSINESS STREAM SCOTTISH	WATER TOWN HALL	£ 89.19
21/08/2023	DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	BUSINESS RATES TOWN HALL	£ 1,119.00
21/08/2023	WORLDPAY (UK)LIMITED	CARD MACHINE VIC	£ 54.10
21/08/2023	SSE SWALEC GAS	GAS TOWN HALL	£ 698.01
22/08/2023	HMRC PAYE	STAFF PAYE	£ 5,744.26
22/08/2023	ADM COMPUTER SERVICES	CONTRACT & COMPUTER SUPPORT	£ 803.10
22/08/2023	ASTOR COMMUNITY ARTS	ASTOR GRANT FROM DDC (2 Years)	£ 10,000.00
23/08/2023	BUSINESS STREAM SCOTTISH	WATER PA ALLOTS	£ 200.36
24/08/2023	DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	BRADERIE LICENCE	£ 1,300.00
25/08/2023	CHANNEL FM	CLEANING CONTRACT TOWN HALL	£ 786.95
29/08/2023	HUNTER DOUGLAS UK RETAIL	BLINDS FOR PARLOUR	£ 1,513.98
29/08/2023	PITNEY BOWES	FRANKING MACHINE RENTAL	£ 90.27
30/08/2023	OLIVER RICHARDSON	CINQUE PORTS MEMBERSHIP	£ 25.00
31/08/2023	NATWEST CHARGES	NATWEST CHARGES	£ 83.50
31/08/2023	SHOGUN VEHICLE LEASING	OFFICIAL CAR LEASE	£ 355.44
31/08/2023	SUEZ RECYCLING AND	WASTE & RECYCLING TOWN HALL	£ 275.74
			£ 54,902.62

List of Payments over £500 made between 01/08/2023 and 31/08/2023

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid
03/08/2023	WALKER HIGHWAYS	ROAD CLOSURE SAT MKT	£ 1,650.00
09/08/2023	GREENTECH	EBIKE TRACKING SUBSCRIPTION	£ 530.00
15/08/2023	STAS HANGING SYSTEMS	PICTURE HANGING SYS PARLOUR	£ 1,566.24
18/08/2023	BACS	DEAL TC SALARIES	£ 19,813.08
18/08/2023	PENSION COSTS	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	£ 4,993.78
21/08/2023	DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	BUSINESS RATES TOWN HALL	£ 1,119.00
21/08/2023	SSE SWALEC GAS	GAS TOWN HALL	£ 698.01
22/08/2023	HMRC PAYE	STAFF PAYE	£ 5,744.26
22/08/2023	ADM COMPUTER SERVICES	CONTRACT & COMPUTER SUPPORT	£ 803.10
22/08/2023	ASTOR COMMUNITY ARTS	ASTOR GRANT FROM DDC (2 Years)	£ 10,000.00
24/08/2023	DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	BRADERIE LICENCE	£ 1,300.00
25/08/2023	CHANNEL FM	CLEANING CONTRACT TOWN HALL	£ 786.95
29/08/2023	HUNTER DOUGLAS UK RETAIL	BLINDS FOR PARLOUR	£ 1,513.98
			£ 50,518.40

List of Payments made between 01/09/2023 and 30/09/2023

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid
06/09/2023	VODAFONE BUSINESS	MOBILE PHONES	£ 96.91
06/09/2023	HAMSHIRE FLAG CO	TOWN HALL CINQUE PORT FLAG	£ 537.65
06/09/2023	RYAN ROGERS GARDEN	ALLOT MAINT MR	£ 176.00
06/09/2023	RYAN ROGERS GARDEN	ALLOT MAINT PA	£ 176.00
06/09/2023	RYAN ROGERS GARDEN	ALLOT MAINT GR	£ 176.00
06/09/2023	HOPKINS AED	DEFIB MAINTENANCE TOWN HALL	£ 158.40
06/09/2023	ADM COMPUTER SERVICES	MICROSOFT UPGRADE TOWN HALL	£ 62.64
11/09/2023	GLOBAL4 TELECOM	LANDLINE TOWN HALL	£ 185.81
11/09/2023	STALL HOLDER	REFUND OF BRADERIE	£ 50.00
11/09/2023	FCS EXTERIOR CLEANING	CLEANING IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL	£ 220.00
11/09/2023	SDL IMPORTS	WATER BUTTS FOR ALLOTS	£ 2,499.00
11/09/2023	DOVER TOWN COUNCIL	SPEAKERS DAY 07.10.23	£ 135.00
14/09/2023	KCS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	PHOTO COPIES TOWN HALL	£ 57.97
15/09/2023	NATWEST CHARGES	NATWEST CHARGES	£ 31.75
18/09/2023	PLUSNET	INTERNET TOWN HALL	£ 48.07
18/09/2023	PENSION BACS	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	£ 9,207.16
19/09/2023	DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	RATES SEPT 2023 TOWN HALL	£ 1,119.00
19/09/2023	WORLDPAY (UK)LIMITED	CARD MACHINE VIC	£ 57.37
19/09/2023	BACS	DEAL TC SALARIES	£ 20,001.17
21/09/2023	MARC- ONE SECURITY	SAT MKT STEWARD	£ 121.80
21/09/2023	SPECTRUM SAFETY	FIRE EQUIP SERVICE TH	£ 254.09
21/09/2023	FOUR JAYS LTD	BRADERIE EVENT TOILET	£ 294.00
22/09/2023	HMRC PAYE	STAFF PAYE	£ 7,024.56
26/09/2023	DEAL FILM FESTIVAL	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	WARDEN HOUSE CP SCHOOL PTA	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	DEAL COMMUNITY CARNIVAL	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	DEAL MUSIC & ARTS LTD	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	ROTARY CLUB OF DEAL	GRANT 2023	£ 540.00
26/09/2023	ASTOR COMMUNITY ARTS	GRANT 2023	£ 650.00
26/09/2023	ST ANDREWS PCC	GRANT 2023	£ 1,000.00
26/09/2023	TREETOPS PRE-SCHOOL	GRANT 2023	£ 476.16
26/09/2023	ADM COMPUTER SERVICES	IT SUPPORT CONTRACT	£ 822.90
26/09/2023	MARC- ONE SECURITY	BRADERIE STEWARDS	£ 315.00
26/09/2023	THE OFFICIAL HISTORY PROJECT	GRANT 2023	£ 100.00
26/09/2023	LETS GO ESCARGOT	GRANT 2023	£ 119.00
26/09/2023	GUIDELINE LIFT SERVICE	LIFT MAINTENANCE TOWN HALL	£ 156.97
26/09/2023	BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	BROADBAND TOWN HALL	£ 97.20
26/09/2023	BLACKBURN IT SERVICES LTD	ALLOTS INS APP & LICENCE	£ 180.00
27/09/2023	KELK COMMS LTD	ENGINEER VISIT	£ 108.00
27/09/2023	SANDWICH MEDICAL PRACTICE	GRANT 2023	£ 250.00
27/09/2023	TOWER DESIGN & PRINT	SAT MKT TOTE BAGS	£ 768.00
28/09/2023	CINQUE PORTS FOOTBALL CLUB	GRANT 2023	£ 1,000.00
28/09/2023	GIVE IT A GO BINGO	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
28/09/2023	TOTAL SUPPLIES	CLEANING MATERIALS TOWN HALL	£ 35.16
29/09/2023	SHOGUN VEHICLE LEASING	OFFICIAL VECHICLE LEASE	£ 355.44
29/09/2023	SUEZ RECYCLING AND	WASTE AND RECYCLING TOWN HALL	£ 215.42
29/09/2023	NATWEST CHARGES	NATWEST CHARGES	£ 68.64
			£ 52,448.24

List of Payments over £500 made between 01/09/2023 and 30/09/2023

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06/09/2023	HAMSHIRE FLAG CO	TOWN HALL CINQUE PORT FLAG	£ 537.65
11/09/2023	SDL IMPORTS	WATER BUTTS FOR ALLOTS	£ 2,499.00
18/09/2023	PENSION BACS	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	£ 9,207.16
19/09/2023	DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	RATES SEPT 2023 TOWN HALL	£ 1,119.00
19/09/2023	BACS	DEAL TC SALARIES	£ 20,001.17
22/09/2023	HMRC PAYE	STAFF PAYE	£ 7,024.56
26/09/2023	DEAL FILM FESTIVAL	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	WARDEN HOUSE CP SCHOOL PTA	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	DEAL COMMUNITY CARNIVAL	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	DEAL MUSIC & ARTS LTD	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
26/09/2023	ROTARY CLUB OF DEAL	GRANT 2023	£ 540.00
26/09/2023	ASTOR COMMUNITY ARTS	GRANT 2023	£ 650.00
26/09/2023	ST ANDREWS PCC	GRANT 2023	£ 1,000.00
26/09/2023	ADM COMPUTER SERVICES	IT SUPPORT CONTRACT	£ 822.90
27/09/2023	TOWER DESIGN & PRINT	SAT MKT TOTE BAGS	£ 768.00
28/09/2023	CINQUE PORTS FOOTBALL CLUB	GRANT 2023	£ 1,000.00
28/09/2023	GIVE IT A GO BINGO	GRANT 2023	£ 500.00
			£ 47,669.44

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr Oliver Richardson – Chairperson of Deal Town Council; All Council members
From: Laura Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 2nd October 2023
Subject: Recommendation from the Environment Committee - Declaration of Ecological Emergency

At the August Environment Committee meeting, Cllr Findley produced a report to propose a Declaration of Ecological Emergency (**see report below**).

Following a lengthy discussion, Members RESOLVED:

1) The Environment Committee resolves to propose a Declaration of an Ecological Emergency to Full Council and refer this resolution and its implementation of actions on local nature protection and recovery to the Environment Committee, to include community engagement partnership working.

2) That the Chairperson of DTC writes to the Leader of Dover District Council urging the district council to declare an Ecological Emergency at the earliest opportunity.

Declaration of Ecological Emergency

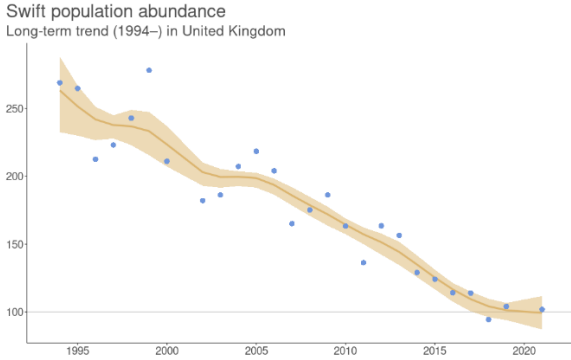
There are an overwhelming series of scientific studies and evidence produced. I present below, a selection of statistics –

For the **Deal** National Grid 10-km square TR35 the **British Trust for Ornithology** “Doorstep Birds” project (2023, via the data collection app Bird Track and their Bird Atlas research) records that, since 1970 –

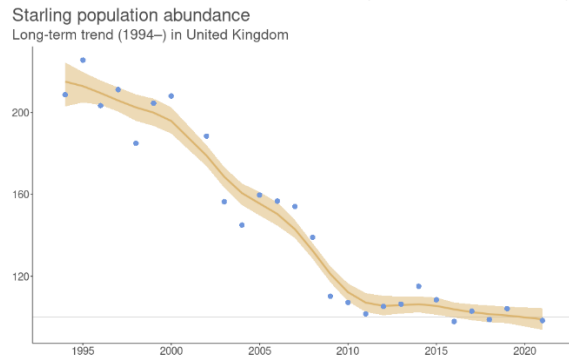
- 19 species of breeding bird species lost from the Deal area, including Tree Sparrow, Black Redstart and Whinchat.
- 24 species are recorded as declining including more familiar birds such as Swift, House Martin, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Starling, House Sparrow, Greenfinch and Goldfinch.
- A few species are increasing, such as Collared Dove, Feral Pigeon, Lesser Black-backed Gull and Magpie.

The **British Trust for Ornithology** has conducted counts of the population of our birds for many years and here are some of the graphs for a range of Deal’s urban bird species:

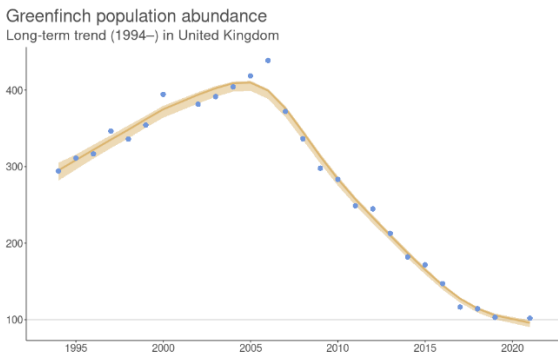
Common Swift (*Apus apus*)



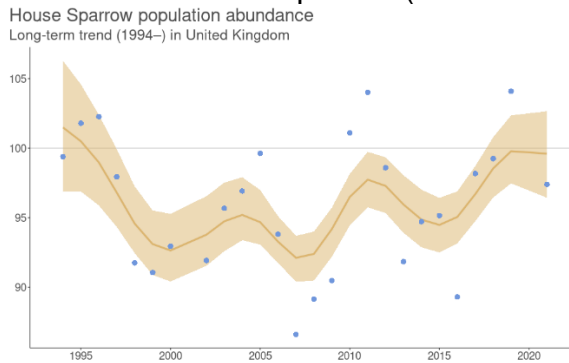
Starling (*Sternus vulgaris*)



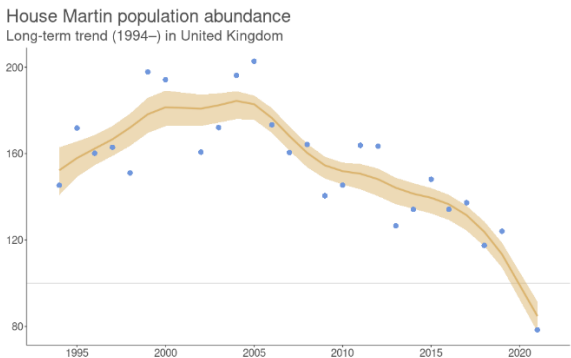
Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*)



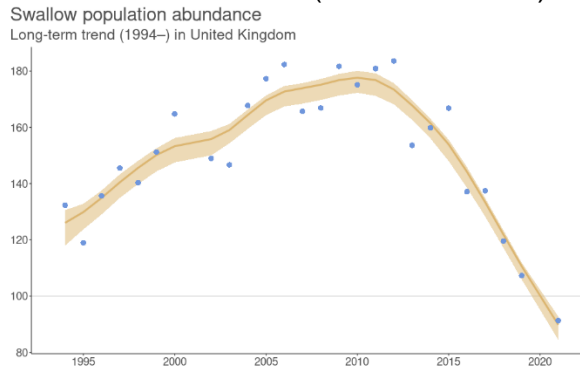
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)



House Martin (*Delichon urbica*)

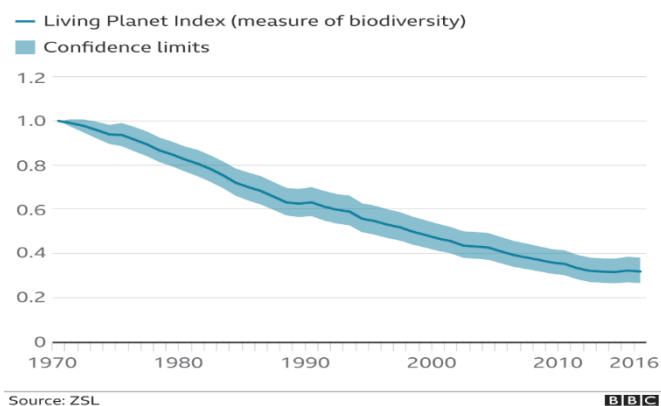


Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)



The BTO Breeding Bird survey also records other wildlife levels and has found that Rabbits have declined by 67% and the Red Fox by 48%. As a contrast, the alien Eastern Gray Squirrel, to give its proper name, has increased by 30%.

How wildlife has declined, 1970-2016



The “Living Planet Report” by the **BBC** records the state of our wildlife thus –

The **State of the World’s Plants and Fungi 2020 report** from **Royal Botanic Gardens Kew** estimated that 39.4% of plants are now threatened with extinction. This is a jump from one in five

plants thought to be at risk in Kew’s 2016 report. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the relationship between people and nature.

The **World Wild Fund for Nature** reports that since 1970, around the world we've lost: 60% of wild invertebrates and up to 76% of insects.

The **Mammal Society**, with the **University of Sussex**, has found that – There has been alarming declines in some mammal species in the UK - five of seven species of small mammals assessed were found to have declined by an average of 1.2-2.8% *each year* between 1970 and 2016. Some species, previously thought not to be at risk are now of high concern requiring immediate conservation action.

The **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds** notes the following – Nature conservation improves the quality of people's lives. Nature has the power to boost our health, happiness and wellbeing. Protecting wildlife benefits society: it provides the resources to sustain and enhance our health; it offers educational opportunities; it contributes to the regeneration of sustainable communities and it supports and generates economic activity. To be sustainable, communities need green infrastructure – where it is not available, we need to create wildlife-rich green space.

UK Government’s Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 notes that Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are a key component of the Environment Act 2021. The aim of a LNRS is to set out how to deliver nature recovery across England. The Guidance and Regulations for LNRS was published by Defra on 23 March 2023. [Local nature recovery strategy statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1141417/local-nature-recovery-strategy-statutory-guidance.pdf)

The **Wildlife Trusts UK** provides the following information about the decline in our insect populations – In the UK, our insect populations have suffered drastic declines, which are set to have far-reaching consequences for both wildlife and people. With a third of our food crops pollinated by insects, and as many as 87% of our plants pollinated by animals (and in the majority by insects) there is a lot to lose. Much of our wildlife, be it birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals or fish, rely on insects for food. Without them, we risk the collapse of our natural world. A report, *Insect Declines and Why They Matter*, published in November 2019 by an alliance of Wildlife Trusts in the south-west, brought together evidence that showed the loss of 50% or more of our insects since 1970, and the shocking reality that 41% of the Earth's remaining five million insect species are now 'threatened with extinction'.

Research by the **Marine Conservation Society UK** has found that 49% of marine organisms have declined with over-fishing, pollution and climate change the principal causes. Walmer beach zone and the offshore environment are suffering at this moment. Many local groups have experience of this.

Butterfly Conservation has found that – In the UK, long-term trends show that 80% of butterfly species have decreased in abundance or distribution, or both since the 1970s. On average, UK butterflies have lost 6% of their total abundance at monitored sites and 42% of their distribution over the period 1976-2019.

Our own **Kent Wildlife Trust** has found that we have lost 60% of our insects over the last 20years.

Recommendations:

- 1) The Environment Committee recommends that Full Council agrees to the Environment Committee implementing actions on local nature protection and recovery, including community engagement and partnership working.
- 2) The Environment Committee recommends that the Chairperson of DTC writes to the Leader of Dover District Council urging the district council to declare an ecological emergency.

Decision required: Committee to consider the above recommendations.

An ecological emergency declaration



July 2023

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Councillor O Richardson, Chairperson of Deal Town Council
Deal Town Councillors
FROM: Nadine Miller, Climate Change & Communications Officer
SUBJECT: Deal Warm Welcome 2023/24 – Direct Funding update
DATE: 02 October 2023

At September's Full Council, Members RESOLVED: To go ahead with Warm Welcome 23/24 as recommended and to issue the venue payments in two halves, half up front and the second payment when the monitoring reports have been received. To request that further information is received from United Families and Deal Foodbank on how they would use funding to help residents in urgent need and to keep warm is brought to the next meeting of full council before a decision is taken on this funding.

Following the council's decision, the Communications Officer has contacted Deal Foodbank and United Families to request how both organisations would use the funding. They have advised:

Deal Foodbank:

- £500 would be set aside to purchase slow cookers (£29.99) from a local retailer to be given to people in need in Deal to reduce the cost of cooking food.
- £500 would be used as a crisis fund to provide direct help to people struggling to pay energy bills or feed themselves or their families.

United Families:

- £500 would be set aside to purchase air fryers (£39.99) from a local retailer to be given to people in need in Deal to reduce the cost of cooking food.
- £500 would be used as a crisis fund to provide direct help to people struggling to pay energy bills or feed themselves or their families.

Both Deal Foodbank and United Families have confirmed they have stringent measures in place to ensure those seeking financial support are genuine. Both have the expertise and infrastructure to be able to directly support people and families in Deal unable to afford food and energy bills.

A condition of the funding is that the money is ring-fenced and only used to provide support to Deal families and residents this winter. Monitoring information will be recorded, and a full report will be submitted at the end of Deal Warm Welcome in April 2024.

Deal Warm Welcome was established in October 2022 by Deal Town Council to support residents who may struggle to manage their budget through the winter. Venues were established across the town, providing a food offer, offering hot and cold drinks, a warm, friendly environment, support and signposting to additional services. Creating direct funding this winter allows us to develop the Deal Warm Welcome and reach more people in need in the town.

In November 2022, the Finance & General Purposes Committee resolved to add a budget line for Warm Spaces with a budget of £10,000 for 2023/24. Including £6,132 for the six venues and £400 for marketing costs, this would bring the projected total for this year's Deal Warm Welcome to £8,532.

Recommendations:

To approve the development of the Deal Warm Welcome project to include Direct Funding and grant:

- £1,000 from the Warm Spaces budget to Deal Foodbank
- £1,000 from the Warm Spaces budget to United Families

Decisions required:

Members to consider the above recommendations

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Councillor O Richardson, Chairperson of Deal Town Council
Deal Town Councillors

FROM: Mrs. L Crow, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan Update

DATE: 18 October 2023

At the September meeting of Full Council members considered a report with a draft Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan which had been prepared by me, the R.F.O and the Communications Officer.

This strategy is to support the pledge of membership to become part of the City of Sanctuary initiative that the Council had previously made.

Members RESOLVED: To accept the draft Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan in principle, to be delivered in partnership with other stakeholders. Officers to add further clarification to the draft and take to the next meeting of Full Council for decision.

Following this decision, the officers involved have updated the draft for members consideration. Please see overleaf.

Recommendation:

To adopt the updated draft Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan.

Decision required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.



Welcome the Stranger

Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan 2023 – 2026

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Deal Town Council

Town Hall

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1. Purpose of Document

On 31 January 2023 members resolved to sign the pledge of membership to become part of the City of Sanctuary initiative.

RESOLVED that the following objectives be approved and submitted as the shared vision for the City of Sanctuary accreditation application:

1	Deal Town Council is committed to welcoming asylum seekers and refugees to Deal.
2	Deal Town Council recognises the potential of refugees and their contribution to our town
3	Deal Town Council adopts a comprehensive, co-ordinated and forward-looking approach to the needs and welfare of people moving into the town and supports building community cohesion between new and existing communities
4	Deal Town Council, in conjunction with DARA, will work to implement the City of Sanctuary pledges through its action and policies together with its partners in the statutory and voluntary sectors
5	Signing the membership pledge means Deal Town Council will develop a "Town of Sanctuary" strategy and ensure the needs of refugees and asylum seekers are considered in its policies and working practices.

The Strategy & Action Plan has been prepared in collaboration with Kent Refugee Action Network, The Samphire Project and DARA and with an open minded view to work with all stakeholders for the benefit of people seeking sanctuary.

The Strategy & Action Plan sets out what Deal Town Council will do to make Deal a welcoming town for people seeking sanctuary.

2. Background

City of Sanctuary is a mainstream, grassroots movement. It works by creating opportunities for relationships between local people and those seeking sanctuary, and by offering a positive vision of a culture of hospitality and practical assistance for those in need of safety.

Deal Town of Sanctuary as part of this organisation, will be made up of different people and organisations who work in different ways to make the town a place of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary from violence, war, and persecution. In support of this work, it builds on practical experience of welcoming strangers to Deal for many years.

Deal is aiming to apply for City (Town) of Sanctuary status in autumn 2023.

Deal Town Council has signed up to the Local Authorities City of Sanctuary Networks Group.

3. Principles

Our aims and priorities are underpinned by a *Human Rights* approach with an emphasis on self-help. Deal Town Council will seek to act in accordance with City of Sanctuary principles to demonstrate good practice in working with people seeking sanctuary and to encourage others within the town to offer the same good practice.

Deal Town Council will work in partnership with the voluntary sector and with asylum seeking and refugee communities, and with all organisations who support City of Sanctuary principles and who are committed to welcome, inclusion and equality.

We recognise the influence which Deal Town Council can have on public perception and understanding of asylum seekers and refugees, and their reasons for seeking sanctuary in Deal, if we use positive and accurate language about people seeking sanctuary in all media, policy statements and publicity materials.

4. Aims & Priorities

Priorities & Aims:

	Priority & Aim	How	Who
1	The relief of financial hardship amongst those granted and seeking refugee status and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Deal and the surrounding area.	To provide funding opportunities through Deal Town Council's Grant Streams. To signpost to relevant organisations who can assist.	DTC Finance & General Purposes Committee DTC Communications Officer
2	To advance the education and training of those granted and seeking refugee status and their dependents in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.	To assist in facilitating workshops for schools on sanctuary issues in partnership with Samphire, KRAN and DARA. To assist in advertising via DTC website the provision of other awareness raising events.	DTC Sanctuary Grant Stream DTC Communications Officer
3	To advance the education of the public in general, including landlords and local authorities, on the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.	To facilitate information days at the Town Hall. To participate in social and cultural events where people seeking sanctuary and local people interact To be involved in the promotion of events and activities for Refugee Week.	Council to provide Free Use of the Town Hall for one information day/evening in addition to DARA's information day during refugee week. Information day to be organised by the Councils Event Manager, Facilities Officer and Communications Officer in liaison with DARA, Samphire and KRAN Mayor to attend social and cultural events in the town. Communications Officer to signpost events on DTC website and Facebook page. Communications Officer to signpost on DTC website and Facebook page.

4	The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances.	To grant free use of the Town Hall Chamber for concerts, drama productions, and art events by Refugee artists. To provide funding opportunities through Deal Town Council's Grant Streams. Broader advertising of Deal Warm Welcome in additional languages	DTC Finance & General Purposes Committee Communications Officer
5	To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the refugee community of Deal in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.	Improve consultation with refugees and asylum seekers on town issues. To explore projects which help Refugees to feel more welcome and included.	Communications Officer in liaison with DARA, Samphire and KRAN Town Clerk and Officers

5. Consultation

The strategy aims to improve consultation with refugees and asylum seekers on local town issues. The strategy also aims to improve consultation and shared working with those involved in providing services for refugees and asylum seekers.

DARA (Deal Area Refugee Aid) was formed in 2021 as a humanitarian response to the emergency evacuation from Afghanistan and with the increase in people arriving after hazardous journeys across the Channel. The group's main activity developed with active fundraising with increasing support from the public in the town.

Samphire started life as the Dover Detainee Visitor Group back in 2002. It came into being as a result of concerns felt by a number of local residents about the plight of the people detained at the newly established Dover Immigration Removal Centre – a Prison Service operated facility for detaining up to 400 migrants on the site of a disused borstal on Dover's Western Heights. Their mission is to improve the lives of people released from immigration detention and experiencing destitution in the UK, and to support the development of well-informed, cohesive, and diverse communities in the Dover area and beyond.

KRAN was established in 2003 to support refugees and asylum seekers (RAS) in Kent. Over the past years, it has grown to develop several projects in response to the needs of young RAS. One of our first projects, which continues today, is the Mentoring partnership project matching local volunteers in the community with young people.

6. A Co-Ordinated Community Response

The Town of Sanctuary accreditation will raise the profile the work being undertaken for the benefit of refugees and asylum seekers and how the community can support this work, seeking to encourage a coordinated community response to bring people together to identify who does what and when to enable a service user or issue onto the relevant organisation.

It also seeks to start and share the evidence of good practice that is already taking place by other local authorities and voluntary organisations to enable awareness of this, how the community in general can assist in these operations.

Some people seeking sanctuary need generic services to help them rebuild their lives and flourish and others have specialist care or health needs and need to use specialist services. Generic services need to be supported to ensure they have sufficient understanding to include people seeking sanctuary in everything they do, but also understand when to refer to specialist support services. It is noted that some specialised knowledge is needed to work with people seeking sanctuary, especially when offering advice, legal advice, and advocacy.

As the Strategy & Action Plan is implemented a more coordinated and transparent Community Response will develop to ensure better outcomes for the refugee or asylum seeker. In addition, it will aim to ensure that everyone, who wants to do more to support refugees and asylum seekers, is able to contribute.

Resettlement programmes in particular, where people seeking sanctuary are brought into the UK and are given full citizenship rights from arrival, provide opportunities for active citizens and volunteers to volunteer and contribute to improving the lives of resettled families. Any volunteering must comply with safeguarding best practice and there should be supervision of volunteers working with resettled families.

7. Conclusion

Deal Town Council will work closely with DARA, KRAN and Samphire and the local community to ensure it provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for people seeking sanctuary within the town of Deal.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL - MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor Oliver Richardson - Chairperson of Deal Town Council,
All Councillors
From: Mrs Lorna Crow – Town Clerk
Date: 23 October 2023
Subject: Request from Deal Speaking Up Group re Phlebotomy Unit – Deal Victoria Hospital

In 2021 the Phlebotomy Unit at Deal Victoria Hospital was proposed for closure. Members agreed that this would be to the detriment of the people of Deal and wrote to the Clinical Commissioning Group to urge them to reverse this decision. This was unsuccessful and the unit closed in 2021.

However, as members will be aware the provision for blood tests is now being reinstated temporarily at Deal Victoria Hospital after this service was removed two years ago. NHS Kent and Medway have advised this will be commissioned for 12 months to establish service demand and determine next steps.

The local MP Natalie Elphicke presented a petition to parliament which called for this facility to be returned and this was signed by more than 3,000 people.

CLr Bano in his role as the Council's outside body representative on the Deal Speaking Up Group has submitted the following recommendation from them to full council for consideration.

Recommendation from Deal Speaking Up Group:

Phlebotomy Service at Deal Hospital: There is some indication that this service will be available again but with limited eligibility for the service. For this reason, we request that the Chairperson of the Council writes to the Commissioners to seek clarification of the current proposals.

Decision required.

Members to consider the above

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr Oliver Richardson – Chairperson of Deal Town Council.
All Councillors
From: Mrs. L Crow – Town Clerk
Date: 18 October 2023
Subject: Correspondence Update

In the Correspondence update report on last month's agenda, I advised that following council decision in July, the Chairperson of the Council had written to the local member of parliament to convey the councils concerns over the removal of cartoon murals at the Dover Intake Centre advising that the removal of these pictures do nothing to prevent refugees coming to these shores.

The local MP Natalie Elphicke had advised that this letter has been passed to the immigration minister for response.

The council has now received a response to this, it was sent via email with an apology for the delay as Natalie Elphicke had hoped that it would arrive in time for the September meeting.

Please see overleaf.

Please note the responder's details have been redacted as requested by them.

Natalie Elphicke MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

MPAM Reference: MPAM/0998839/23
Your Reference: NE32641

11 September 2023

Dear Mrs Elphicke

Thank you for your email correspondence of 6 September on behalf of Cllr Oliver Richardson, Chairperson of Deal Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Deal, CT14 6TR, about the removal of murals inside the Kent Intake Unit (KIU) in Dover.

We take the welfare of minors incredibly seriously and that is why we have said it is not compassionate to allow people - including vulnerable children - to be risking their lives any longer on perilous small boat crossings. Our comprehensive plan to stop the boats is focused on saving lives by removing the incentive to cross the Channel in unseaworthy vessels.

Where minors do come here through these dangerous means we take our safeguarding responsibilities and their welfare extremely seriously. We process arrivals in reception centres as quickly as possible and place children in appropriate, safe and secure accommodation with local authorities as quickly as possible.

Very few under-13s pass through the KIU, and these children are prioritized to be moved to Kent County Council care at the earliest opportunity. The overwhelming majority of unaccompanied children who passed through the location last year were teenagers. It was not felt that the murals were age appropriate.

The KIU is fully equipped to meet the needs of unaccompanied children. His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prison's most recent report on the KIU found that good support was provided to the children by the on-site team of social workers, and that the individuals in the unit were happy with the treatment they received there.

The National Transfer Scheme (NTS) ensures these minors are moved to a different local authority as quickly as possible. To advance this work, since 1 April 2023 the Home Office launched a new incentivised funding programme, with £6000 of funding available for each unaccompanied child transferred to a local authority within five working days.

The facility in question features practical measures in line with our welfare and safeguarding responsibilities which we take very seriously – namely larger interview rooms, an outside space, prayer rooms, a larger reception area and improved security measures.

There was no financial cost to the taxpayer to paint over the murals in the Kent Intake Unit.

Minutes – approved by Committee and signed by the Chairperson on 11/10/23

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The Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th August 2023
at Deal Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present:	Cllr S Beer (Chairperson)	Cllr S Brookfield
	Cllr M Cronk (Vice Chairperson)	Cllr P Findley
	Cllr D Cronk	Cllr L Craggs
	Cllr B Bano	Mr D Carey (Co-opted Member)
	Cllr M Eddy	Ms B Brooks (Co-opted Member)

Officers:	Laura Marney (Committee Clerk)	Other: None
	Joanne Harper (Asst. to the Town Clerk)	

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the fire evacuation instructions.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Cllr S Cullen	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None Received.	
4	Public Participation: None Received.	Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 th June 2023 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6	Town Plan Priorities: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To note the report and feedback any suggestions to the Committee Clerk. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
7	Green Grants: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Members to consider and agree the attached draft Green Grant Application form using the £3,340 carried forward from 2022-23. 2) Members to consider and agree that the Green Grant Application forms (see attached) are considered in the same way as annual grants with the applications being considered by the Grants subcommittee with their recommendations going to F&GP for final decision. 3) That the application deadlines are the same as for annual grant: Round 1: applications must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 31 October 2023 Round 2: applications must be received by 5pm on Thursday 29 February 2024 (P) Cllr D Cronk (S)Cllr L Craggs. All Agreed.	R.F.O

8	<p>iTree Survey Report: Mr D Carey advised that there are some inaccuracies in the identification of some of the tree species. Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations:</p> <p>1) The iTree Ecosystem Analysis report is available on the DTC website.</p> <p>2) The iTree Ecosystem Analysis report is sent to Sholden Parish Council, Walmer Town Council, Kingsdown & Ringwould Parish Council and Eastry Parish Council for their information.</p> <p>Members further RESOLVED: To ask the Climate Change Officer to note on the DTC website that the council is aware of the inaccuracies on the iTree Ecosystem Analysis report.</p> <p>(P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed.</p>	<p>Communications Officer</p> <p>Committee Clerk</p> <p>Climate Change Officer</p>
9	<p>Recommendation from Cllr Findley - Ecological Emergency Declaration: Following lengthy discussion Cllr P Findley proposed and Cllr M Eddy seconded the recommendation included in the agenda item. The following amendment was proposed by Cllr S Beer, this was accepted by the proposer and seconder.</p> <p>1) The Environment Committee resolves to propose a Declaration of an Ecological Emergency to Full Council and refer this resolution and its implementation of actions on local nature protection and recovery to the Environment Committee, to include community engagement partnership working.</p> <p>2) That the Chairperson of DTC writes to the Leader of Dover District Council urging the district council to declare an Ecological Emergency at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED: To accept the amended recommendation from Cllr S Beer. (P) Cllr P Findley (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed.</p>	<p>Committee Clerk</p>
10	<p>Committee Clerk Report: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To note the report and thanked the Committee Clerk for her work. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr P Findley.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: 11th October 2023</p>	
	<p>Chairperson closed the meeting at 20.09.</p>	