

#### 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 25 February 2025 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 24 February 2025 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: 18 February 2025

#### **AGENDA**

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1	Chairperson's opening remarks:	Chairperson				
2	Apologies for absence received:	Town Clerk				
3	<b>Declarations of interest</b> : To receive any declarations of interest from	Attach. 1				
	Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.					
4	The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 January	Attach. 2				
	2025 for approval and signing: Decision required.					
5	Public participation and statements received: For councillor information,	Town Clerk				
	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.					
6	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and	Attach. 3				
	signing from the 1 January to 31 January 2025: Decision required.					
7	Recommendation from the Environment Committee re DTC Climate	Attach. 4				
	Action Strategy: Decision required.					
8	Council Meeting Schedule 2025/26: Decision required	Attach. 5				
9	Mayoral Engagement request: Decision required	Attach. 6				
10	Recommendation from CIIr Bano re UK Citizenship Policy: Decisions	Attach. 7				
	required					
11	Consultation on East Kent Urgent Treatment Centres: Decision	Attach. 8				
	required					
12	Confederation of Cinque Ports Lord Warden Souvenir Booklet:	Attach. 9				
	Decision required					
13	Deal Warm Welcome 2024/25 – Interim report: Decision required	Attach.10				
14	Deal Town Council Committee Minutes: Information to note.					
	a) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13.01.25	Attach.11				
	b) The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 18.12.24	Attach.12				
	Date of next meeting: 25 March 2025					

#### **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 dispensation, 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.

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

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 7.15pm.

Cllr M Eddy (Vice Chairperson) Present:

> Cllr B Bano Cllr S Brookfield Cllr T Bond Cllr S Cullen Cllr P Findley Cllr A Friend Cllr M Walters Cllr P Jull

Officers: Mrs L Crow (Town Clerk) Others: 1 member of public

Mr P Bone (Responsible Finance Officer)

	N Miller (Climate Change and Communications Officer)					
1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Vice Chairperson advised that he would be the Chairperson for this meeting as Cllr Richardson was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.  He welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the fire evacuation procedures.  He then updated the Council on the Holocaust Memorial events that the council had organised during the day and evening that he had attended as Deputy Mayor.  Members RESOLVED: To thank Nadine and all the officers	Chairperson				
	involved for their work on the Council's Holocaust Memorial events.  (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr P Findley All agreed					
2	Apologies for absence received: Cllr O Richardson due to a prior personal commitment, Cllr S Beer due to a work commitment, Cllr L Craggs due to a prior personal commitment, Cllr D Cronk due to a work commitment, Cllr M Cronk due to a personal commitment, Cllr D Parks due to a work commitment.					
3	<b>Declarations of interest</b> : Cllr M Walters declared a VAOI for agenda item 6 as he is a member of the Deal Twinning Society. Cllr M Eddy declared a VAOI for agenda item 13 as he mentioned in the report.					
4	The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 for approval: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr P Findley 8 for 1 abstention The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson				
5	Public participation and Statements received: No statements were received.  A representative from the local residents spoke in support of agenda item 9 and answered queries from Councillors.  Members RESOLVED: To move agenda item 9 to the next agenda item to be discussed.  (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr P Findley All agreed					

6 (0)	Correspondence received regarding Operation Dynamo:	Chairparcan
6 (9)	Members RESOLVED: That Deal Town Council gives its moral	Chairperson
	support towards this initiative.	
	(P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr P Findley All agreed	
7	Recommendations from the Finance & General Purposes	
(6)	Committee:	
(0)	(a) Recommended Budget for 2025/26	
	The R.F.O advised members of two further decisions made by the	
	F&GP committee which were that the St Omer Twinning budget be	
	renamed to Deal Twinning Fund, and to delegate authority to the	Town Clerk/
	Town Clerk in liaison with the R.F.O to allocate amounts to	R.F.O
	individual events as required from the total budget for Town events	11.11.0
	provided that they remain within the overall agreed budget line.	
	Members RESOLVED: To agree the annual budget for 2025/6	
	(P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr S Brookfield. 5 for 3 against 1 abstained	
	(b) Recommended Precept for 2025/26	Chairperson
	Members RESOLVED: That the unused Earmarked Reserves	Town Clerk
	totalling £7,319.96 are returned to the General Revenue Reserve.	R.F.O
	To increase the Precept by 12.0%, and to authorise the	
	Chairperson of this meeting and the Town Clerk to sign the Precept demand 2025/26 on behalf of the Council.	
	demand 2025/26 on benail of the Council.	
0	(P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr S Brookfield. 4 for 3 against 2 abstained	
8	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for	
(7)	approval and signing from 1 November to 31 December 2024:	
	Members RESOLVED: To accept the list of payments made between 1 November to 31 December 2024 including payments	Chairparaan
	exceeding £500 for approval and signing.	Chairperson
	(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Walters. All agreed.	
9	Recommendation from the Environment Committee on the	
(8)	journey to Net Zero:	
(0)	Members RESOLVED: To thank the Climate Change Officer and to	
	note her report on Deal Town Council's Journey to Net Zero 2025	
	and to approve the video presentation on Deal Town Council's	Climate
	Journey to Net Zero (subject to the slides being spaced out for	Change &
	longer) and agree that it is shared on the Council's website.	Comms
	(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Cullen 8 for 1 against	Officer
10	Mayoral Engagements from May 2024 to December 2024:	
=	Members RESOLVED: To note the report	
	(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Brookfield All agreed	
11	Councillor Outside Body quarterly reports:	
	(a) Cliffs of Sanctuary	
	(b) Deal Area Refugee Aid	
	Members RESOLVED: To note the reports.	
	(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Brookfield All agreed	
12	Deal Town Council Minutes:	
	Members RESOLVED: To note the minutes.	
	(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond All agreed	
	Resolution to exclude the public: Public Bodies (Admission to	
	Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) – on the grounds that the information to	
	be discussed is of a confidential nature.	
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	Members RESOLVED: To exclude the public on the grounds of confidentiality (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Walters All agreed The Climate Change and Communications Officer left the meeting.	
13	Deal Town Council Outside Body Representation:	
	Members RESOLVED: To not appoint Councillor representatives as the outside body representative to the organisation named in the report ref fc 28.01.25 attach 19, and to remove the organisation from the Council's outside body list for the calendar year.  (P) Cllr P Jull (S) Cllr A Friend 7 for, 2 abstentions	Town Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.10pm	Chairperson

# Deal Town Council Nat West Combined A/C's List of Payments made between 01/01/2025 and 31/01/2025

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Ar	nount Paid
02/01/2025	SCREWFIX ACCOUNT	MAINTENANCE ITEMS TH	£	153.50
02/01/2025	VIC YOUNG S S LTD	OFFICIAL CAR LEASE	£	390.89
03/01/2025	BRITISH TELECOM	INTERNET TOWN HALL	£	58.68
06/01/2025	VISION ICT LTD	WEBSITE HOST & SUPPORT	£	324.00
06/01/2025	ZURICH MUNICIPAL	INSURANCE TH	£	7,143.81
07/01/2025	VODAFONE BUSINESS	WORK MOBILE PHONES	£	135.05
09/01/2025	TOWER DESIGN & PRINT	TOTE BAGS	£	768.00
09/01/2025	NEATHOUSE PARTNERS	H&S, HR AND E LEARNING	£	366.00
09/01/2025	FCS CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING TH	£	40.00
09/01/2025	ICO DATA PROTECTION	DATA PROTECTION	£	35.00
10/01/2025	GLOBAL4 TELECOM	LANDLINE TOWN HALL	£	211.96
15/01/2025	BANK CHARGES	BANK CHARGES	£	37.15
15/01/2025	BUSINESS STREAM	WATER MILL RD ALLOTS	£	232.75
15/01/2025	DNA PAYMENTS	CARD MACHINE COSTS	£	31.61
16/01/2025	SIDEWAYSMEDIA	WEDDING ADVERTISING	£	108.00
16/01/2025	WALKER HIGHWAYS	SAT MKT ROAD CLOSURES	£	660.00
16/01/2025	CONEXIA LTD	PAYROLL SERVICES	£	687.19
16/01/2025	FORVIS MAZARS	EXTERNAL AUDIT FEE	£	1,638.00
17/01/2025	BACS NET PAY	BACS NET PAY	£	20,341.97
17/01/2025	BACS PENSION	EE's PENSION	£	1,405.46
17/01/2025	BACS PENSION	ER's PENSION	£	5,566.45
20/01/2025	K & N GARDENING	TREE CUTTING PA	£	320.00
20/01/2025	DDC	BUSINESS RATES TH	£	1,272.00
22/01/2025	BUSINESS STREAM	WATER GOLF RD ALLOTS	£	7.60
22/01/2025	HMRC	EE's PAYE	£	3,353.54
22/01/2025	HMRC	EE's NI	£	908.61
22/01/2025	HMRC	Er's NI	£	2,480.24
23/01/2025	CLIMA GATE RAILING	HANDRAIL FOR PA ALLOTS	£	2,382.00
23/01/2025	ADM COMPUTER SERV	IT SUPPORT TOWN HALL	£	1,016.34
23/01/2025	K & N GARDENING	LOG CUT & CHIP PA ALLO	£	320.00
23/01/2025	MR MEMORY	COMPUTER MEMORY	£	72.96
24/01/2025	ACE FACILITIES	ELECTRIC DOOR OPENERS	£	2,712.60
28/01/2025	SSE SWALEC GAS	GAS TOWN HALL	£	2,965.39
29/01/2025	DAMIEN PEARCE	NEW ELECTRIC CIRCUIT TH	£	295.00
30/01/2025	ACE FACILITIES	ELECTRIC DOOR OPENERS	£	2,712.60
31/01/2025	BEYOND	TOWN FLAG REPAIR	£	20.00
31/01/2025	SUEZ RECYCLING	WASTE & RECYCLING TH	£	117.85
31/01/2025	BANK CHARGES	BANK CHARGES	£	69.04
			£	61,361.24

#### List of Payments made between 01/01/2025 and 31/01/2025 over £500

<b>Date Paid</b>	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid	
06/01/2025	ZURICH MUNICIPAL	INSURANCE TH	£	7,143.81
09/01/2025	TOWER DESIGN & PRINT	TOTE BAGS	£	768.00
16/01/2025	WALKER HIGHWAYS	SAT MKT ROAD CLOSURES	£	660.00
16/01/2025	CONEXIA LTD	PAYROLL SERVICES	£	687.19
16/01/2025	FORVIS MAZARS	EXTERNAL AUDIT FEE	£	1,638.00
17/01/2025	BACS NET PAY	BACS NET PAY	£	20,341.97
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28/01/2025	SSE SWALEC GAS	GAS TOWN HALL	£	2,965.39
30/01/2025	ACE FACILITIES	ELECTRIC DOOR OPENERS	£	2,712.60
			£	58,014.20

To: Cllr Oliver Richardson, Chairperson of the Council; All Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 14th February 2025

Subject: Recommendation from the Environment Committee – DTC Climate Action Strategy

As members will be aware Deal Town Council declared a Climate Emergency on 26 June 2019, "That Deal Town Council commits to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025".

In April 2024, external auditor STEM Sustainability, confirmed the Council's Net Zero Target had been reached six months early.

The Climate Change Officer has updated Deal Town Council's Climate Action Strategy (please see attached) to take the Council forward on our Climate journey.

The Climate Action Strategy document was presented and discussed at the Environment Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February and Members RESOLVED: *That the Environment Committee approve the updated Climate Action Strategy, with one amendment to Priorities & Aims, Item 6. Paragraph 5. To be changed to: "Promote environmentally sustainable developments that add to biodiversity" and that the Climate Action Strategy be referred to the next available meeting of the Full Council for adoption.* 

**Recommendation:** Full Council to agree with the Environment Committee decision to adopt this updated Climate Action Strategy.

**Decision required:** Members to consider the above recommendation.



# Climate Action Strategy

# Deal Town Council's decarbonization commitment and environment adaptation & improvement plan

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#### What is climate change?

Climate change is happening and is due to human activities; along with warming, many other changes are occurring such as melting polar ice, rising sea levels and more frequent floods, droughts and heatwaves.

We can already see the effects of climate change. They are projected to become more severe and widespread as greenhouse gas emissions and global temperatures continue to rise. How big these impacts are dependent on the degree to which we reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and on our ability to adapt to these changes.

Some of the effects of changes to our climate include:

- risk to water supplies
- localised flooding and flooding in coastal regions
- damage to marine ecosystems and associated failure of fisheries
- loss of biodiversity
- heat stress, affecting human health and habitability
- increased risk of wildfires
- food insecurity as conditions for growing crops change and habitable region of pests expands

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/climate-change-explained

#### **Background**

#### On 26 June 2019 Full Council declared a Climate Emergency and resolved:

"That Deal Town Council commits to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025 by creating a carbon audit and roadmap by March 2020 and will provide up to a £1,000 from this year's contingency fund to cover the costs of producing the carbon audit and roadmap.

"To include environmental impact assessments in officers' reports, highlighting in particular the impact on direct and indirect CO2 emissions.

"To seek means to assist other organisations in the town to reduce their direct and indirect CO2 emissions, in conjunction with specialist advice from Dover District and Kent County Council officers."

In April 2024, external auditor, STEM Sustainability, confirmed Deal Town Council's Net Zero Target was 'effectively reached six months early'.

#### Areas of responsibility

Deal Town Council is a 'parish authority' for the town of Deal. It acts as a consultee and lobbying force with the District and County Council, putting forward the wishes and needs of the local community with an overall responsibility for its wellbeing. We have an electorate of 15,673 and a population of approximately 30,000.

Deal Town Council is made up of 15 Councillors, elected by Deal residents, representing the three parish wards (Mill Hill, North Deal and Middle Deal). The Town Council operates out of the Town Hall with 12 members of staff working full time or part time, and hybrid working is in operation.

#### Our work covers:

- All statutory duties of a Town Council
- Monthly statutory council meetings that are open to the public to attend
- Manage more than 80 allotment plots on 3 allotment sites for our residents
- Grant funding for local groups and organisations
- Employ a dedicated Facilities Team who; maintain the Town Hall, manage the hiring of the
  Town Hall and its Undercroft, maintain and manage the allotments, undertake weekly checks
  of the Town Centre for any Health & Safety or maintenance issues that may need reporting to
  KCC or DDC as appropriate, and maintain the council's street furniture
- Employ a dedicated office team who administrate the Town Council ensuring residents' voices are heard and ensure the Council operates legally and efficiently
- Managing the council's committees, projects, Mayor's office, general enquiries and Visitor
   Information
- Care for and maintain records of the Town Hall artefacts, paintings and history
- Maintain and fund the planters along the seafront, High Street, and Mill Hill
- Deal Warm Welcome
- Organise year-round events for the community, such as the Braderie, Heritage Weekend,
   Climate Learning Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and International Women's Day
- Working with Kent County Council for better roads, pavements and services
- Lobbying Dover District Council for better investment, funding and improvements
- Work across multiple local organisations such as schools, police and community groups to ensure the Council are meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in Deal
- Contributing to the town's public toilets to ensure they remain open
- Respond to planning applications, taking into account residents' views

- Have an up-to-date website and social media page, full of information
- Produce an Annual Report
- · Respond to local consultations which affect our residents

#### **Climate Action Strategy principles**

As outlined in our Environmental Policy, we will:

- Promote environmental awareness within the community and work with the local community in partnerships to achieve environmental change.
- Reduce the consumption of energy and water across all of our activities.
- Minimise the impact of our travel by developing sustainable travel solutions both in our own operations and for the benefit of the people of Deal, in collaboration with other stakeholders.
- Continue to improve our performance to prevent all types of pollution and reduce CO2 and other harmful emissions from our activities.
- Work to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Deal through the provision of information and the promotion of home energy efficiency measures, to keep people warm and well, in addition to reducing carbon emissions.
- Continue to develop safe walking and cycle and mobility scooter routes and to promote cycling, scooting and walking around the town, for health as well as the positive environmental benefits.
- Work closely with our suppliers and contractors to reduce the social and environmental impact
  of goods and services by considering such issues as carbon footprint, single use plastics, and
  fair trade goods.
- Use products and materials such as paper efficiently and specify goods that, wherever possible, have a minimal environmental impact in the extraction or sourcing of materials, manufacture, use and disposal.
- Minimise the production of waste from our own activities and adhere to the principles of the waste hierarchy - reducing, reusing, recycling, or composting wherever possible.
- Encourage and support installation and use of renewable energy, battery storage and low carbon technologies in the town.
- Protect, conserve, and enhance Deal's built environment and distinctive heritage by ensuring that any development is sustainable, with sufficient infrastructure to support it and that all development meets the highest environmental standards.

 Protect, conserve, and enhance Deal's natural environment and its biodiversity whilst improving our open spaces, public rights of ways and green corridors.

#### **Climate Action consultation**

Deal Town Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and work soon began to produce a roadmap to become a net-zero carbon organisation. In 2020 consultation began on the Town Plan, a two-year project to better understand the needs, concerns and hopes of our residents.

In 2023 Full Council adopted the Town Plan as a guide to help steer the activities of Deal Town Council. Areas covering climate action include:

- to work with local groups and DDC on a campaign about waste and recycling
- to seek ways to engage and involve young people
- to support and promote local events and activities.
- to work with DDC, KCC and local organisations to plant trees in urban areas.
- to work with local groups on a campaign to promote planting and maintaining hedges, keeping front gardens green, rewilding etc.
- to set up a campaign to reduce car use in the town by promoting walking scooting and cycling.
- To seek to acquire land for more allotments.

#### A community response to climate action

Climate Action cannot be done in isolation, and this was recognised in the 2019 Climate Emergency declaration "To seek means to assist other organisations in the town to reduce their direct and indirect CO2 emissions".

Our updated Environment Policy gives structure to all we do, ensuring climate threads through all our work and practices. Working through the six priorities set out in the original Carbon Strategy has meant we have taken the work carried out within the Town Hall beyond our walls and projects are now much wider in their intent.

2024 saw a host of activities that engaged the public and raised awareness about climate change:

- Hedge Pledge
- Deal Home Kitchen

- Best Foot Forward
- Climate Action Day
- 'Look After What You Love' Action on litter project

We are currently working on a draft Ocean and Coastal Recovery Declaration and Strategy. This will identify ways we can improve our coastline and how that can be done by working more closely with neighbours and organizations.

The Town Plan has identified seven areas of work that go beyond our estate and the Youth Engagement Strategy directs us to promote our work on the declaration of ecological emergency with local schools and our younger residents. This will include producing a short film/presentation explaining projects on climate and ecological emergency aims.

#### Climate Action Strategy key stages, priorities and aims

#### **Key stages:**

1	The Full Council declared a Climate Emergency on 26 June 2019					
2	Carbon Reduction Strategy was created in 2020 outlining six priority areas to reach a target of 70% decarbonization of our activities					
3	As of April 2024, Deal Town Council reached 75% decarbonization and the remaining 25% now residual emissions					
4	In 2025, Carbon Reduction Strategy to updated to become the Climate Action Strategy, outlining Deal Town Council's decarbonization commitment and environment adaptation and improvement plan					

#### **Priorities & Aims:**

	Priority Area	Aim	Who
1	Deal Town Hall: An historic	Continually improve energy	Councillors & Staff
	building in the heart of the town	efficiency and thermal	
	that is used by and is open to the	performance	
	public, provides offices for staff		
	and is home to the Deal Town		Climate Change Officer
	Council. Our remaining 25%	Seek opportunities for	
	emissions are effectively now	decarbonising	
	'residual emissions' but will		Town Clerk, RFO,
	continue decarbonisation where is	Maximise usage whilst	Climate Change Officer,
	it practicable and cost-effective	minimising emissions	Facilities Manager
		Annual report to council on	Climate Change Officer
		residual emissions and	
		reductions	

2	Working practices: Essentially what happens within the Town	Monitor working practices	Town Clerk
	Hall day-to-day	Councillor & staff training on climate action	Town Clerk, Climate Change Officer
		Use Committee Carbon Emission check list for all decisions	All councillors and staff Officer
		Reduce, reuse and recycle as much waste as possible	All councillors and staff
		Annual paper review	Climate Change Officer
		All purchasing decisions to be fully assessed	R.F.O
		External and internal events to be a carbon neutral as is possible	Event Manager, Facilities manager, Climate Change Officer
		Monitor usage and waste	Facilities manager
3	Transport: How councillors and staff get back and forth to the Town Hall, meetings and events. It is in the top three sources of our	Assess the necessity of Mayoral and other operational transport	Climate Change Officer
	emissions and reductions would greatly benefit our carbon footprint	Encourage staff & councillors to adopt sustainable transport options	All councillors & staff
4	External activities management: For Deal Town Council this covers our Saturday Market, three allotment sites and Deal Town	Continue to give guidance to allotment holders to minimise their environmental impact	Climate Change Officer & Facilities Manager
	Council Planters	Expand allotment portfolio	Finance and General Purposes Committee
		Proactively manage the market to help local shoppers to buy from local providers	Market team
		Work with traders to help them to reduce their carbon footprints  Continue to develop	Climate Change Officer & Market team
		sustainable planting and reduce water demand	R.F.O & Town Clerk
5	Carbon emission balancing: Attention should turn towards other offsets (e.g. nature-based solutions) The priority is always to reduce our footprint but where	To explore investment in local or regional schemes to offset emissions the Council cannot reasonably reduce	Climate Change Officer

	emissions cannot reasonably be	Research urbans area to	Climate Change Officer
	reduced offsets that support	improve the environment for	
	nature (including planting) have	people, birds, animals and	
	begun	insects	
6	A community response to	Share the work the Council	Councillors and staff
	climate action - helping our	has undertaken to reduce its	
	residents and businesses. Deal is	carbon footprint	
	a hub for climate activism, we will		
	continue to support the work of	Work with local businesses	Climate Change &
	local groups and work together for	and organisations to	Communications Officer
	a better environment for all and	encourage more sustainability	
	establish an annual Climate		
	Action Day to bring local	Encourage citizens to improve	Climate Change Officer
	knowledge and experience	the thermal performance of	& Communications
	together	their homes	Officer
			Tue ve a ve a vet 0
		Encourage, promote,	Transport &
		campaign for and foster good	Infrastructure
		public transport, walking,	Clark Climate Change
		wheeling and cycling	Clerk, Climate Change Officer &
			Communications Officer
			Communications Officer
		Promote environmentally	Full Council &
		sustainable developments	committees
		that add to biodiversity	

#### **Climate Action Strategy conclusion**

Deal Town Council's decarbonization commitment and environment adaptation & improvement plan will build on work already done within the council's estate and without. To continue to work through the six priorities and aims and to seek new and innovative ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the council, residents, businesses, organisations and neighbouring authorities.

To: Cllr Oliver Richardson Chairperson of Deal Town Council and all Members

From: Paul Bone - Responsible Finance Officer

Date: 17 February 2025

**Subject: Draft Schedule of Meetings 2025/26** 

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Please see attached the draft meetings schedule for 2025/26

Care has been taken so that dates do not clash with Dover District Council meetings, Walmer Town Council main meetings and bank holidays.

#### **Decisions required:**

Members to consider and agree the Deal Town Council draft meeting schedule for 2025/26

Members to consider delegating authority to the Town Clerk in liaison with the Chairperson of the Council to amend a meeting date on the schedule if absolutely necessary.

# DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2025 - 2026 All meetings are held at Deal Town Hall High Street, Deal. CT14 6TR

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2025								2026				
Council Meeting	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Planning	Mon 9th 7:15pm	Tue 1st 7:15pm	Mon 4th 7:15pm	Mon 1st 7:15pm	Thu 2nd 7:15pm	Mon 10th 7:15pm	Mon 8th 7:15pm	Mon 5th 7:15pm	Mon 9th 7:15pm	Mon 9th 7:15pm	Wed 8th 7:15pm	Thu 7th 7:15pm
Transport & Infrastructure		Tue 15th 7:15pm		Wed 17th 7:15pm		Wed 19th 7:15pm		Tue 13th 7:15pm		Wed 18th 7:15pm		Thu 14th 7:15pm
Environment	Thu 19th 7:15pm		Wed 13th 7:15pm		Tue 14th 7:15pm		Wed 17th 7:15pm		Wed 18th 7:15pm		Tue 14th 7:15pm	
Finance & General Purposes		Tue 22nd 7:15pm		Tue 23rd 7:15pm		Tue 18th 7:15pm	Tue 16th 7:15pm	Wed 21st 7:15pm		Tue 24th 7:15pm		Tue 19th 7:15pm
Full Council	Tue 24th 7:15pm	Tue 29th 7:15pm		Tue 30th 7:15pm	Tue 28th 7:15pm	Tue 25th 7:15pm		Tue 27th 7:15pm	Tue 24th 7:15pm	Tue 31st 7:15pm	Tue 21st 7:15pm	
Other											*ATM Tue 28th 7:15pm	**AMC Tue 26th 7:15pm



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<sup>\*</sup>ATM = Annual Town Meeting - 28th April @7:15pm

<sup>\*\*</sup>AMC = Annual meeting of the council including Chairman election - 26th May @ 7:15pm

**To:** Deal Town Councillors

From: Mr Kevin Cook, Mayors Secretary

Date: 18 February 2025

**Subject: Mayoral Engagement Request** 

On Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at midday, the Mayor and Mayoress have been invited by the Town Mayor of Sevenoaks to attend a fundraising Charity Luncheon at Chevening House in Sevenoaks.

As you may be aware it is Deal Town Council's policy to only normally attend events that are within a 15 mile radius of Deal or Cinque Port related. If the Mayor wishes to go further than this, he needs to seek permission from the council.

The Mayor would very much like to accept the invitation and take the unique opportunity to visit this property that is very rarely open to the public. According to its website, Chevening House is currently the nominated residence for the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and as such this makes it one of the premier buildings for Government use, in the UK. Quite understandably, opportunities for visits are few and far between.

The Mayor is willing to personally pay to all expenses associated with the lunch itself, at no cost to the Council, but he is requesting the use of the Town Sergeant and the town car to take him and the Mayoress to and from the event. He will also pay for the Town Sergeant's lunch while in attendance on the day.

The Town Sergeant is happy to chauffeur the Mayor, should the council give permission. It is estimated that the Town Sergeant will be required for approximately 6 hours.

The personal cost to the Mayor for the luncheons is £132.00 plus any cost for fund raising that takes place while in attendance.

The fundraising is for the Town Mayor of Sevenoaks's Mayor's Fund which will support their nominated charities for the year.

The Mayor very much hopes that you will, on this particular occasion, give him the opportunity to represent the town beyond its usual boundaries and at such a remarkable venue. Information Chevening House here: <a href="https://cheveninghouse.com/index.html">https://cheveninghouse.com/index.html</a>

**Recommendation:** Members to consider the Mayors request for the use of the Town Sergeant and town car to take him and the Mayoress to and from the Chevening House event.

**Decision required:** Members to consider the above recommendation.

**To:** Cllr Oliver Richardson – Chairperson of Deal Town Council

and All Members

From: Cllr Ben Bano
Date: 18 February 2025

Subject: Recommendation from Cllr Bano re UK Citizenship Policy

The government has decided to bring back a proposal previously made in 2023 to ensure that asylum seekers who arrive through 'dangerous means' from 10 February 2025 will not be able to claim citizenship in the future.

Many organisations have condemned this as unjust and unfair as many migrants who have been granted asylum go on to contribute to British society through becoming active citizens.

Outside the Ukrainian, Afghan and Hong Kong scheme there are no safe and legal routes for people fleeing war, famine and persecution to claim asylum and many refugees are forced to arrive by irregular routes such as crossing the English Channel.

Deal Town Council is a Council of Sanctuary, and this new legislation goes against the ethos of that pledge which states:

- Deal Town Council is committed to welcoming asylum seekers and refugees to Deal.
- Deal Town Council recognises the potential of refugees and their contribution to our town
- 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
- 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
- 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.

#### Recommendation:

That the Chairperson of the Council writes to our local MP explaining:

- That as a Council of Sanctuary, Deal welcomes asylum seekers and refugees, recognising their potential and reasons for seeking safety.
- The need to provide safe and legal routes for people fleeing war, famine and persecution to claim asylum.
- People who are granted asylum should be able to access UK citizenship.

#### **Decision required:**

Members to consider the above recommendation

**To:** Cllr Oliver Richardson – Chairperson of Deal Town Council

and All Members

From: Mrs L Crow – Town Clerk

Date: 13 February 2025

**Subject: Consultation on East Kent Urgent Treatment Centres** 

As members may be aware NHS Kent and Medway are currently holding a consultation for their urgent treatment centre review.

They have advised the following via email to Deal Town Council

I am writing to let you know you about public engagement on urgent treatment centres (UTC) across east Kent, which is now live and forms part of a wider review of these centres.

This engagement is to hear people's experience of using UTCs and to give them an opportunity to share ideas on improvements and further thoughts. The engagement will be completed by the end of March and what we hear will be analysed and fed into the wider review.

As a local councillor who hears from your constituents about the things that matter to them, we would very much like to hear your views on urgent treatment centres in the area. You are welcome to either fill out the <u>survey</u>, or, if you would prefer please email <u>Kmicb.engagecomms@nhs.net</u>.

This consultation closes on Monday 17 March at 9am.

#### Recommendation:

Members to consider a collective response from Deal Town Council that can be emailed to NHS Kent and Medway

And/Or

Members to complete this consultation individually using the link provided.

#### **Decision required:**

Members to consider the above recommendations

**To:** Cllr Oliver Richardson – Chairperson of Deal Town Council

and All Members

**From:** Mrs L Crow – Town Clerk

Date: 11 February 2025

Subject: Installation of the Lord Warden Souvenir Booklet

Following the Council decision at the October meeting of Full Council to order 50 copies of the souvenir booklet (at a total cost of £100) that were being produced by the Cinque Port Confederation to mark the Installation of the Lord Warden, the booklets arrived at the Town Hall in December.

When going through the booklet I was very disappointed to see that the Confederation has used the Council's old Coat of Arms on page 19 (a booklet will be available for councillors to view at the meeting).

The Council stopped using this Coat of Arms in 2012 when the College of Arms advised this was only applicable when there was a Borough Council, before the Town Council was formed. It was therefore unlawful to continue using it and not transferable to Deal Town Council.

The Confederation were advised of this at the time and kindly agreed to the Council adapting the Confederation Crest as their Coat of Arms.

Unfortunately, when the Confederation was preparing the souvenir booklet no drafts were shared with the council's involved.

I contacted the Registrar of the Confederation to advise of their error and to ask what they would do to correct this.

The response that I received was that they were sorry about using the incorrect arms for Deal, advising that they had used the template from their 2005 booklet and forgotten the change of our Coat of Arms. They did not think that anything can/should be done to correct the booklet. However, did now recall that we had changed our Coat of Arms in 2012 and their involvement in this process.

I discussed this with Cllr Richardson and as he was attending a Cinque Port Lunch with the Lord Warden, Cinque Port Mayors, Solicitor and Registrar in January he suggested that he speak with the Confederation about this when there.

Cllr Richardson has advised "the Confederation are taking a very laissez-faire attitude towards their mistake and whilst there is probably nothing that can be done a letter should be written to the Confederation outlining our disappointment and asking for an assurance that this will not happen again".

**Recommendation:** The Chairperson of the Council writes to the Confederation of the Cinque Ports outlining the Council's disappointment and asks for an assurance that this will not happen again.

**Decision required**: Members to consider the above recommendation.

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

FROM: Nadine Miller, Climate Change, Project & Communications Officer

SUBJECT: Deal Warm Welcome 2024/25 - Interim report

**DATE:** 17 February 2025

Deal Warm Welcome returned for a third winter in 2024, offering warmth, friendship and refreshment to those in need in the town. There is no charge to the guests who attend the drop-in sessions which run from December to April.

At July's Full Council Members RESOLVED: To approve the Deal Warm Welcome project plan subject to including the changes below and to delegate authority to the R.F.O and Climate Change, Project and Communications Officer to:

- Issue direct funding for United Families, Home-Start and Deal Foodbank to residents in urgent need.
- Invite four existing venues to take part (payments upfront instead of monthly and in two instalments subject to satisfactory monitoring reports.)
- To invite the Pantry and host organisation Deal Welfare Club to host two new weekly Deal Warm Welcomes at the same rate as the other venues and adjust the budget accordingly. This winter we have five venues offering a Deal Warm Welcome across three days; St Richards Church on Mondays from 9am to 1pm, Tuesday lunch at Trinity Church from 12.30pm to 3pm and Deal Pantry (at Deal Welfare Club) from 2pm to 4pm. Wednesday morning begins at St Andrew's from 9am to 11am, Deal Pantry from 10am to 12pm and dinner is served at St George's from 12pm until 2pm.

Here are the attendance figures for the first two months of this year's project and our previous two vears for comparison.

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
January	379	377	298
February	455	460	373

Three organisations (United Families, Deal Area Foodbank and Home-Start) received £1,000 each as part of the direct funding allocation in this year's Deal Warm Welcome. The groups allocate their funding on a case-by-case basis and this takes the form of food and heating vouchers and equipment, including air fryers and heated blankets to allow people and families to use less energy.

Deal Warm Welcome 24/25 will use approximately £6,264 of the £10,000 allocated from the Warm Spaces budget. A full report will be presented to the council once the scheme concludes in April.

#### **Decision required:**

Members to note the report.

Minutes - approved by Committee and signed by Chairperson 03/02/2025

# Deal Town Council Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent, CT14 6TR. Tel: 01304 361999. Email: deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Town Hall at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr M Eddy (Chairperson) Cllr M Walters

Cllr T Bond Mr Robin Green (Deal Society)

Cllr L Craggs Ms E Fogarty (FOND)

Officers: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk Others: 0

1	C	hairnerson	s oneni	ng remarks: Th	e Chairnerson welco	amed everyone to the	Chairperson
	Chairpersons opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put					Champerson	
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2					ey due to illness.		Committee
							Clerk
3	D	eclarations	of inte	rest: None rece	ived.		
4	P	ublic Partic	ipation	and Statement	s received: None re	eceived.	Committee Clerk
5						on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	Chairperson
	for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the				•		
						as a true and accurate	
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6				Cllr T Bond. All		on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Chairperson
						Committee meeting:	Champerson
	Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly						
	signed the minutes.						
	(P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr M Eddy. 2 For, 2 Abstentions. Motion carried.						
7	Ы	Planning applications received:					Committee Clerk
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		24/00615	MH	Beech Court,	The erection of	Members	
				86 Rectory	three storey care	RESOLVED: No	
				Road Deal	home (use class	Objection.	
				CT14 9NB	C2) and 7 single	(P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Walters.	
					storey age restricted	All Agreed.	
					retirement	7 iii Agreeu.	
					bungalows (use		
					class C3) with		
					landscaping,		
					parking, access,		
					and other		

			associated works (existing site to be redeveloped).	
24/01122	ND	Goodwin Cottage 11 Griffin Street Deal CT14 6LQ	Replacement of existing timber ladder with new staircase from ground to 1st floor.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr T Bond. 3 For, 1 Against. Motion carried.
24/01277	ND	74 Middle Street Deal CT14 6HL	Change of use of first and second floors to residential with associated alterations to front elevation.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr T Bond. All Agreed.
24/01272	MD	Warden House Primary School Birdwood Avenue Deal Kent CT14 9SF	Refurbishment of existing teaching block including replacement of existing pitched roof with timber flat roof structure, alterations to glazing to the front and rear elevations, installation of new glazing to left and right elevations, fire exit doors and timber cladding to the external walls.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy. 3 For, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.
24/01248	MH	44-46 Mill Hill Deal Kent CT14 9EW	Erection of a detached bungalow and sub-division of the existing property to 2 residential dwellings (Existing garage and rear extension to be demolished).	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr L Craggs. All Agreed.
24/01269	MD	Charnwood Manor Avenue Deal CT14 9PN	Erection of an outbuilding/studio and timber peristyle.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr T Bond. All Agreed.
24/01316	ND	104 Northwall Road Deal CT14 6PP	Erection of a first floor extension, balcony and glass balustrade to front	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr M Walters

			(existing conservatory and part single story extension to be	(S) Clir L Craggs. All Agreed.	
24/01308	ND	196 High Street Deal CT14 6BL	Erection of single storey rear extension, replacement windows to front elevation, re-paint front door/elevation and replacement roof tiles (existing conservatory to be demolished).	Members RESOLVED: Objection. Application is incomplete as there is no information on single storey rear extension, and raise with DDC the inconsistency on UPVC windows used within the conservation area. (P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr L Craggs. All Agreed.	
24/01328	ND	Seaward Facing Wall Of Mary Hougham Almshouses The Marina Deal CT14 6LG	Installation of commemorative plaque.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Walters. All Agreed.	
24/01242	МН	2 Addelam Close Deal CT14 9LT	Target prune by reducing the height and lateral limbs by a maximum of 2 metres of one Sycamore the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 2 of 1965.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy. 3 For, 1 Against. Motion carried.	
DDC decisions: Members RESOLVED: To note the information.					
(P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.  Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.05pm					
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Minutes - approved by Committee and signed by Chairperson 12/02/2025

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

The Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr M Eddy (Chairperson) Cllr B Bano

Cllr D Cronk Cllr L Craggs

Cllr M Cronk Ms H Charlton (Co-opted Member)

Cllr P Findley

Officers: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk Others: 3 Members of the public

Nadine Miller - Climate Change Officer

1	<b>Chairperson's opening remarks:</b> The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the fire evacuation procedures. He reminded those in attendance to switch their phones off or onto silent.	Chairperson
2	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr S Brookfield due to prior work commitments, Cllr S Cullen due to illness. Mr D Carey (Co-opted Member) due to prior commitments.	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4	<b>Public Participation</b> : A statement was received from a member of the public regarding agenda item 7 – Deal Sea Water Quality.	Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the previous Environment Committee meeting on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.  (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr P Findley. 4 For, 2 Abstentions. Motion carried.	Chairperson
6	Climate Emergency - Our journey to net zero: Following a discussion, Members RESOLVED:	
	<ol> <li>To note the report and to refer this report to Full Council for information.</li> <li>(P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Cronk. All Agreed.</li> </ol>	Committee Clerk
	<ol> <li>Climate Change Officer to prepare a presentation video on the DTC Journey to Net Zero and reference future projects and present this at the January Full Council meeting for approval the presentation video to then be the shared on the DTC website.</li> <li>(P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</li> </ol>	Climate Change Officer
7	Deal Sea Water Quality: Following a discussion and an update by the Committee Clerk on the DDC Overview & Scrutiny meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> December that included Environment Agency & Southern Water representatives. Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that the Chairperson in liaison with the Committee Clerk and Climate Change Officer writes to Southern Water, Environment Agency and DDC to ask them	Chairperson/ Committee Clerk/Climate Change Officer

<b>2013:</b> Following a discussion, MEMBERS RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations.	
<ol> <li>Due to the vast number of questions included in this consultation, members to complete this consultation individually online using the link provided.</li> </ol>	
Due to the important nature of this consultation, send to all Deal Town Councillors to complete.	Committee Members/All Councillors
An amendment was proposed to recommendation 2 that the consultation is also put on the DTC website for residents to complete.	
(P) Cllr P Findley (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.	
Correspondence rec'd - Pesticides used by DDC: Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that Chairperson writes to DDC to ask for information on their pesticide usage and add an amendment that they write back to correspondent to advise this.  (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.	Chairperson
•	Committee Clerk
Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the information.	Committee Clerk
The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.05pm	
	<ol> <li>Due to the vast number of questions included in this consultation, members to complete this consultation individually online using the link provided.</li> <li>Due to the important nature of this consultation, send to all Deal Town Councillors to complete.         An amendment was proposed to recommendation 2 that the consultation is also put on the DTC website for residents to complete.     </li> <li>(P) Cllr P Findley (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</li> <li>Correspondence rec'd - Pesticides used by DDC: Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that Chairperson writes to DDC to ask for information on their pesticide usage and add an amendment that they write back to correspondent to advise this.</li> <li>(P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</li> <li>Action on Litter Project Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr P Findley (S) Cllr L Craggs. All Agreed.</li> <li>Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</li> </ol>