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To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 28th August 2024** 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 Tuesday 27th August 2024 by email to deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

Laura Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 22nd August 2024

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence	Committee 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	Public Participation: 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.	
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach 2
6	Committee Carbon Emission Check List: Decision required.	Attach 3
7	Water Quality – Deal Beach: Decision required.	Attach 4
8	Action on Litter Project: Decision required.	Attach 5
9	Sealink Project Update: Information to note.	Attach 6
10	Hedge Pledge Update: Information to note.	Attach 7
11	Committee Clerk Report: Information to note.	Attach 8
	Date of next meeting: 16th October 2024.	

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Committee members: Cllr S Brookfield, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr M Cronk, Cllr B Bano, Cllr L Craggs, Cllr P Findley, Cllr S Cullen, Mr D Carey and Ms H Charlton.

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

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

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

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

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

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

Note to the Code:

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

ATTACHMENT 2

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 19 June 2024 at 7.15pm.

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

Officers: Mrs L Marney (Committee Clerk) Others: None
Miss J Harper (Asst to the Town Clerk)

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the fire evacuation procedures.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence received: Cllr S Cullen due to work commitments and Cllr B Bano due to a prior commitment.	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4	Public participation and Statements received: None received.	
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 th April 2024 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.	Chairperson
6	Safety of Lithium-ion batteries on e-bikes and e-scooters Bill: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To support the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill and for the Chairperson in liaison with the Committee Clerk to write to Lord Foster of Bath confirming this and requesting feedback. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
7	Proposed & Future Project Plans: Following a discussion Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr P Findley. All Agreed.	
8	Great Big Green Week: Following a discussion Members RESOLVED: To note the report and receive feedback from the Climate Change Officer on the outcomes. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed	Climate Change Officer
9	Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 19.40pm.	

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cllr S Brookfield, Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members

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

SUBJECT: Committee Carbon Emission check list – review

DATE: 15th August 2024

In March 2023, Full Council agreed to adopt the Committee Carbon Emission check list.

The new guide allowed us to show the environmental impact of decisions, illustrating climate change has been taken into consideration every step of the way - building best practice to ensure everything is viewed through the prism of climate action.

A review of the Committee Carbon Emission check list shows the first 15 decisions taken using the new guide. There was only one instance when the new checklist was not observed.

A visual representation of those 15 decisions (including links to the original Committee agenda) is available on the website at www.deal.gov.uk/climate, providing a clear summary of the council's environmental impact, in line with our climate action ambitions. The table attached provides the same information but presented in a different format.




The Committee Carbon Emission check list was prepared in consultation with all Councillors, Town Clerk, R.F.O and Committee Clerk and is used in all Committees, excluding planning which follows separate guidelines.




It shows the environmental impact of our decisions and has been a clear and effective representation of our climate action ambitions.



Recommendation: The Environment Committee propose to Full Council that we continue with the Carbon Emission check list on the same basis, and to review this again in Autumn 2025.




Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.







Committee Carbon Emission check list review. Decisions have been scored assigning the following points: long lasting positive impact = 2, short term or limited positive impact = 1, no known impact = 0, short term or limited negative impact = -1 and long-term negative impact = -2

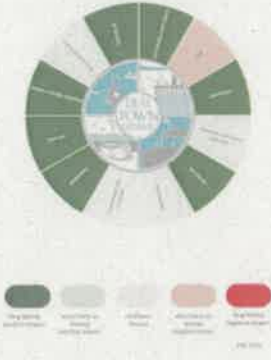
Date	Decision item	Agenda	Score 24 to - 24	Checklist Observed ✓ ✗	Resolution
07/06/23	Twinning with St Omer 	Page 17	0	✓	To promote the Deal Town Council grant available for twinning activities and discuss options for a trip to St-Omer for representatives of local groups to meet their opposite numbers with a view to making links
14/6/23	Mill Hill Tree planting 	Page 9	10	✓	To accept the Officer recommendation with an amendment that the Committee Clerk investigates further privately owned sites in Mill Hill, bearing in mind advice from Mr David Carey about care and maintenance
15/6/23	Confederation of Cinque Ports Champion 	Page 13	6	✓	Cllr D Cronk would be the councils Cinque Ports Champion for this 4-year election term

16/6/23	<p>Ongoing Paper review</p> 	Page 10	6	✓	To note the report and allocate a budget of £1,500 for a portable screen to show agendas for members of the public to view at council meetings
30/06/23	<p>Town Hall Maintenance - Electrical Controls</p> 	Page 41	-2	✓	To allocate a budget of up to £10,000 from the Toan Hall refurbishment earmarked reserve budget to cover potential costs for the remedial works to upgrade the Town Hall electrical distribution boards up to the latest legal requirements
30/06/23	<p>Town Hall Maintenance – window replacement</p> 	Page 42	2	✓	To allocate a budget of up to £3,100 from the Toan Hall refurbishment earmarked reserve budget to cover potential cost

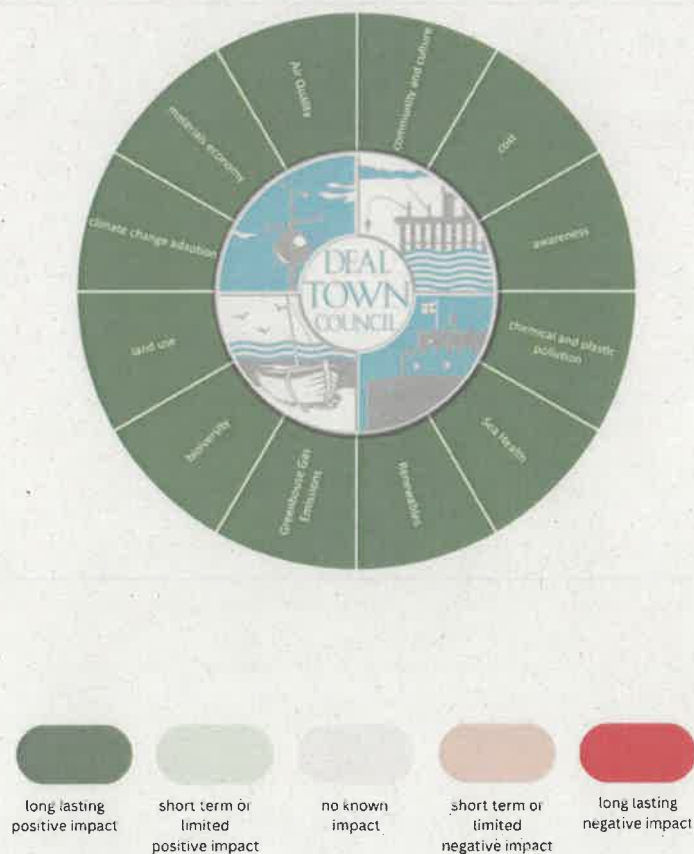
13/7/23	<p>Possible closure of Richborough and Deal Household Waste & Recycling Centres</p> 	Page 6	12	v	<p>Members RESOLVED: The Chairperson of the Council writes a strong letter to KCC objecting to the proposed closure of Deal HWRC with reasons, i.e. Deal HWRC has higher usage than Richborough HWRC and is more accessible to all as people can walk and cycle to it. Also, that this is against the zero-carbon reduction policy. To ask for clarification of KCC's consultation process and what savings would be made if they were to close Deal HWRC. A copy of this letter to be sent to Deal's surrounding local councils asking for their support. Members further RESOLVED: To encourage public support via the council's social media.</p>
12/07/23	<p>Purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera</p> 	Page 8	2	v	<p>Deal Town Council does not purchase a thermal imaging camera. Deal Town Council continues to signpost residents to energy saving projects through the council's website and social media. Deal Town Council invites interested organisations to apply for a grant from DTC annual grants scheme to purchase a thermal imaging camera.</p>

01/08/23	Green Grants 2023/24 	Page 5	3	✓	Members agreed to use the current form and use the £3,340 carried forward from 2022/23
12/09/23	Town Car 	Page 17	5	x	To not renew the current lease at the end of the term and to lease a used fully electric car on a new 4-year lease with the same monthly cost +/- 10%. The R.F.O. to urgently research options and make the final choice in liaison with the Chairperson of F&GP and Chairperson of the Environment Committee
17/9/23	Christmas Lights Switch on event 	Page 14	1	✓	To grant free hire of the Undercroft & Council Chamber

18/09/23	Deal Warm Welcome 2023/24  	Page 11	4	✓	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.
18/09/23	Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan – Welcome the Stranger  	Page 15	6	✓	To accept the draft Deal Town of Sanctuary Strategy & Action Plan in principle, to be delivered in partnership with other stakeholders.
18/09/23	Winter Lights 2023 – Welcome the Stranger  	Page 21	6	✓	To agree a budget of £500 for refreshments and drone

2/10/23	Declaration of Ecological Emergency 	Page 10	13	✓	<p>To declare an ecological emergency and agree to the Environment Committee implementing actions on local nature protection and recovery, including community engagement and partnership working. The Chairperson of the Council writes to the Leader of Dover District Council urging the district council to declare an ecological emergency.</p>
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Committee Carbon Emission check list – review



15/08/24

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor S Brookfield – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 19th August 2024

Subject: Water Quality - Deal Beach

Deal Town Council have received concerns from residents regarding the bathing water quality at Deal Beach, which is regularly used by sea bathers all year round, they are extremely troubled that the quality of the water has deteriorated significantly over the last 4 years, especially when Deal Beach was part of a 2017 Southern Water Bathing Water Enhancement Programme.

Residents are even more frustrated that Sandwich Bay and St Margarets Bay both have higher water quality ratings.

The Kentish Mercury did an article and have brought this to the attention of residents with a piece published online on 14th July 2024. You can view this using the following link:
<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/deal/news/do-not-swim-warning-would-kill-our-town-309612/>














The quality of sea water at UK beaches is measured between May and September by the Environment Agency. The water quality for Deal is measured at Deal Castle Beach and comes under the governance of Dover District Council.

Water quality results are compared with standards laid down by the European Union (EU). Where water quality consistently fails to meet EU standards there may be an increased risk of contracting a minor infection.

Southern Water announced back in May 2017 that it would be working alongside Dover District council to improve water quality at Deal Castle Beach.

This was part of a £31.5 million Bathing Water Enhancement Programme by Southern Water to bring bathing water quality up to an "excellent" standard, of which £3.9 million was allocated to Deal.

Back in 2019 & 2020 the water quality for Deal Beach was "Excellent", however this fell to "Good" in 2021 & 22 and at the last reading for 2023 it was noted as "Sufficient", which is only one up from "Poor" (**see over for current Bathing water quality table**).

Bathing water sites in Dover			
	Annual water quality	Pollution update	
Dover			
Deal Castle  Sampled 8 days ago: 24-Jul	2023  sufficient	Pollution forecasts are not issued at this site	
Sandwich Bay  Sampled 8 days ago: 24-Jul	2023  good	Pollution forecasts are not issued at this site	
St Margaret's Bay  Sampled 8 days ago: 24-Jul	2023  excellent	Pollution forecasts are not issued at this site	
Key			
	Bathing is not advised		
	Annual classification: excellent water quality		
	Annual classification: good water quality		
	Annual classification: sufficient water quality		
	Annual classification: poor water quality		
	Indicates the class that would have been given if the new bathing water standards had been in force		
Linked data from the Environment Agency · OGL			

Councillor Samuel Brookfield, Chair of the Environment Committee has submitted an FOI request to Dover District Council asking the following:

- For a breakdown of how the £3.9 million allocated to improving water quality at Deal Castle was spent.
- How has the Council monitored delivery of the project.
- Whether there are any plans in development to install further water quality testing stations between Deal Castle and Sandwich Bay.

Decision required: Members to decide how they wish to respond to this information.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Brookfield – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 16th August 2024
Subject: Action on Litter Project

This project was agreed at the October 2023 Environment Committee meeting and the Committee Clerk provided regular updates following the steering group meetings which included representatives from volunteer groups such as Deal With it, Pick Deal Clean, Deal Rotary Pirates and Dover District Council Officers, with the aim to bring together ideas and concepts on how to tackle litter in the town.

This group met three times; in February, March & April and it was decided that Decals (pavement stickers) would be a way to combat litter within Deal. The Committee Clerk contacted Kent County Council for permission to place 5 Decals (pavement stickers) at prominent locations in the centre of town and permission was granted to Deal Town Council.

This was reported to the Environment committee at the April meeting on and members agreed.

Three printing companies were approached for quotations for printing and installing the Decals. A printer in Dover was chosen to produce, stick down, remove the Decals.

Unfortunately, this project has now stalled. The printer placed the Decals at the selected hotspot locations around the town, at the end of July and we discovered that they would not adhere properly apart from the one located the end of Stanhope Road.

The printer investigated this with their supplier and now advise that the Decals need to be put down with heat, to ensure correct adhesion, which for a street location would mean hiring a power generator. The Decal still in position at the end of Stanhope Road, has probably bonded to the pavement due to the glue being in direct sunlight all day.

This has been a disappointing hold up as it was planned that all the Decals would be in place for the summer.

However, the amount of £448.80 inc. VAT for production of the Decals has been fully refunded to Deal Town Council by the printing company.

Recommendation: That the Committee Clerk meets with the original steering group to explore alternative ideas for pavement decals/raising awareness and submits a report to the Committee for consideration.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Brookfield – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 31st July 2024
Subject: **National Grid Sea Link Project Update**

Deal Town Council were notified back in November 2023 that the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), were launching a statutory consultation on the proposed Sea Link Project.

This consultation was brought to the December Environment Committee meeting, where *Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendation: Members to complete the consultation questions on the National Grid Sea Link feedback form individually.*

The Project involves the reinforcement of the electricity transmission network between Suffolk and Kent, predominantly via an offshore High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) link, but with onshore elements to connect into the transmission network. The proposed project is split into three key elements:

- The Suffolk Onshore scheme
- The Offshore Scheme
- The Kent Onshore Scheme

The National Grid Sea Link project team contacted Deal Town Council in early July stating that they would like to update any consultees and brief them on changes to the project.

The Committee Clerk attended an online meeting on 23rd July, where the following information was provided:

Changes to the National Grid Sea Link proposals

National Grid have made some changes to their plans before they submit their application for development consent early next year. The refinements and changes they are proposing do not substantially alter the project as a whole; many of their proposals remain largely the same as presented in their consultation last year. They include:

- **In Suffolk**, the proposed changes include an alteration to the cable route north of Aldeburgh, confirmation of the proposed access route to the converter station and changes to this access route and the associated bridge over the River Fromus.

National Grid are also proposing various changes to construction and maintenance access routes, compounds, and temporary overhead line diversions, and have identified additional land for environmental mitigation and enhancement.

- **Offshore**, the proposed changes include refinements to the cable route, additional marine areas for construction vessel manoeuvring, and changes to the approach for backfilling marine trenches
- **In Kent**, the proposed changes include an increase of the overall maximum height of the converter station, confirmation of the type of pylon they intend to use for the connection to the existing overhead line and identifying a further construction and maintenance access route off Sandwich Road via the former hoverport.

National Grid are also proposing various other changes to construction and maintenance access routes, compounds, and temporary overhead line diversions, and have identified additional land for environmental mitigation and enhancement.

More detailed information on this project and the proposed changes can be found in the document library using the following link: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/sealink>

Decision required: Members to note the above information.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Brookfield – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members
From: Mr G Simpson – Facilities Manager
Date: 21st August 2024
Subject: Hedge Pledge Update

This project is part of the Climate Action Plan 2024 and approved by Full Council. The aim was to plant hedgerows at our allotment sites and encourage residents to do the same.

Hedgerows are effective at storing significant amounts of carbon and provide benefits for wildlife.

The target of this project is to create wildlife corridors in the town, capture carbon, enhance the environment in Deal and increase Bio-diversity.

Funding was approved by Kent County Council for the Golf Road Allotment site. We ordered 150 metres and 180 metres of hedgerow respectively for the Golf Road and Mill Road Allotment sites from the Woodland Trust.

These were planted back in March 2024, of the 400 whips that were planted 360 have taken.

Soon after planting on the left side of our Golf Road Allotment emergency drainage work was carried out, reducing access to that area. Fortunately, we had used matting and the hedgerow quickly took and is growing well. Plot holders on that side of the allotment site have helped with the watering too.

Our steepest learning curve regarding this project was the planting at the back of the site. The hedgerow was planted up on a raised bank that we had cleared of brambles, it is very open to the elements and the strong sea winds have affected the growth of some plants.

We have had to focus more of our attention at the back of the Golf Road Allotment site to stay on top of the brambles, and it is here we have seen slower progress with the development of the hedgerows, however as you can see from the photo attached the hedgerows are establishing and taking shape.

Decision required: Members to note the above information.



MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Brookfield – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 20th August 2024

Subject: Committee Clerk Report

Please see below updates for information only.

Compostable Toilets on Allotment sites

This project, which is part of the DTC Climate Action Plan 2024, was agreed by Full Council in January 2024, the aim of the project is to provide environmentally sustainable toilets for allotment holders at our 3 Allotment sites. The compostable toilets have now been installed at our 3 Allotment sites at Golf Road, Mill Road and Park Avenue. This project is now completed. (Picture below of compostable toilet at Golf Road site).



Safety of Lithium ion Batteries Bill Update

This item was discussed at the June Environment Committee, following a discussion Members
RESOLVED: *To support the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill and for the Chairperson in liaison with the Committee Clerk to write to Lord Foster of Bath confirming this and requesting feedback.*

The Committee Clerk has received the following update from the Parliamentary Adviser who is working with Lord Foster on this Bill:

"First as always thank you for the build-up of support (300 Local Councils now) – it is working, what happens next..."

House of Commons Ballot for Bills.

*This takes place this Thursday 5th September. 20 MPs names will be drawn and most will **NOT** have chosen a Bill – **so they can be persuaded to adopt our Bill.** They will be lobbied by dozens of organisations, including our national supporters."*

The Committee Clerk will bring further updates when received to a future Committee meeting.

Future Projects: Hedgehog Friendly Deal/ Hedge Pledge 2

The above 2 projects were approved at June's Full Council Meeting.

The Committee Clerk and Climate Change Officer had a meeting at the Town Hall at the beginning of July with Cllr Brookfield and Cllr Craggs who submitted these projects, this was to ensure that all the relevant actions/timings will be achieved.

Updates on these projects will be brought to a future Committee meeting.