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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 **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 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 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 by email to [deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk](mailto: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: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### AGENDA

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| 1  | <b>Chairperson's opening remarks:</b>  | Chairperson     |
| 2  | <b>Apologies for absence:</b>  | Committee Clerk |
| 3  | <b>Declarations of interest:</b> To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.   | Attach 1        |
| 4  | <b>Public Participation:</b> 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  | <b>The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February for approval and signing:</b> Decision required.  | Attach 2        |
| 6  | <b>Review - Environment Committee Terms of Reference:</b> Decision required.   | Attach 3        |
| 7  | <b>DDC Updates:</b> Information to note.   | Attach 4        |
| 8  | <b>Deal Bathing Water Quality – Additional Analysis:</b> Information to note.  | Attach 5        |
| 9  | <b>National Grid SeaLink Update:</b> Information to note.  | Attach 6        |
| 10 | <b>Committee Clerk Report:</b> Information to note.  | Attach 7        |
|    | <b>Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.</b>  |                 |

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

## **Declaration of Interest**

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| <b>ATTACHMENT 1</b> |
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### **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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7:15pm.

Present: Cllr S Brookfield (Chairperson)  
Cllr D Cronk  
Cllr L Craggs

Cllr B Bano  
Cllr S Cullen  
Ms H Charlton (Co-opted Member)

Officers: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk  
Nadine Miller - Climate Change Officer

Others: 1 member of the public

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| 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 M Eddy, Cllr P Findley and Cllr M Cronk due to prior commitments. Mr D Carey (Co-opted Member) was absent.  | Committee Clerk |
| 3  | <b>Declarations of interest:</b> None received.  |                 |
| 4  | <b>Public Participation:</b> None received.  | Committee Clerk |
| 5  | <b>The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February for approval and signing:</b> Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the previous Environment Committee meeting on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.<br>(P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr S Cullen. All agreed. | Chairperson     |
| 6  | <b>Action on Litter Project Update:</b> Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation to note the report and for the Chairperson to draw the winner of the favoured pavement stencil design A.<br>(P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr S Cullen. All agreed.   | Committee Clerk |
| 7  | <b>DDC Pesticide Usage Update:</b> Following a discussion, Members RESOLVED: Committee to await further report from the DDC Climate & Nature Forum. Chairperson to explore pesticide usage in more detail and bring back information to the Committee.<br>(P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed.  | Chairperson     |
| 8  | <b>Hedgehog Friendly Deal Update:</b> Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr B Bano. All agreed.  |                 |
| 9  | <b>National Grid Sea Link Update:</b> Members RESOLVED: To note the report and for the Committee Clerk to continue providing updates.<br>(P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr S Cullen. All agreed.   | Committee Clerk |
| 10 | <b>Committee Clerk Report:</b> Following discussion and a thank you from Cllr L Craggs for a detailed report, Members RESOLVED: To note the report.<br>(P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.   | Committee Clerk |
|    | <b>The Chairperson informed members of the date of next meeting on 19th June 2025 and closed the meeting at 7.37pm.</b>  |                 |

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Cllr S Cullen – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee Members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
**Subject:** **Review – Terms of Reference**

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As Members will be aware every DTC Council Committee has a Terms of Reference. These outline clear and specific information on how the Committee is organised, the Committee's objectives and what it is trying to achieve and include membership details, responsibilities and meeting schedules. **Please see attached current Environment Committee Terms of Reference.**

I have been reviewing the Environment Committee's terms of reference, and I have the following recommendations to make to the current document:

1. Aim section at the beginning of the current TOR document:

*“Deal Town Council recognises that we face an unprecedented climate and environmental emergency and have committed to becoming a net zero carbon emitter in our own operations by 2025. We will use our power and influence to protect and improve the environment and encourage and support others to do the same, in addition to fulfilling our statutory environmental responsibilities and complying with all legal and other requirements. We are committed to transforming Deal into a cleaner, greener and a healthier and more active town.”*

be amended to be in line with our current climate commitment to:

*“In June 2019, Deal Town Council declared a Climate Emergency. In light of this we committed to become carbon neutral - Net Zero - in our operations by 2025 and that goal was achieved by April 2024. In February 2025, Full Council adopted a new Climate Action Strategy which builds on the decarbonization commitment and strengthens the environment adaptation & improvement plan. This Committee is committed to build on work already done within the council's estate and without. To continue to work through the six priorities and aims identified in new the Climate Action Strategy and to seek new and innovative ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the council, residents, businesses, organisations and neighbouring authorities.”*

2. Following a review of the Planning Terms of Reference at their last Planning Committee meeting, the Planning Committee recommended that the following item be removed from their terms of reference *“Making representations to the appropriate authority in respect of the provision and maintenance of litter bins, street cleaning, waste recycling and other related initiatives.”* and added to the Environment Committee terms of reference.

**Recommendations:**

1. Members to consider the above updates.
2. Members to consider any further suggestions.
3. Members to refer amended Environment Committee Terms of Reference to Full Council for approval.

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

## **(Current Format)**

### **Terms of Reference: Environment Committee**

**Aim:** Deal Town Council recognises that we face an unprecedented climate and environmental emergency and have committed to becoming a net zero carbon emitter in our own operations by 2025. We will use our power and influence to protect and improve the environment and encourage and support others to do the same, in addition to fulfilling our statutory environmental responsibilities and complying with all legal and other requirements. We are committed to transforming Deal into a cleaner, greener and a healthier and more active town.

**Status:** The Environment Committee shall be a Standing Committee of Deal Town Council appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council. It has the power to make decisions which support aims of the committee without the need to refer to Full Council unless a matter is specifically referred up. It is subject to the same general rules of conduct in relation to meetings as set out in the Council's Standing Orders.

**Membership:** The Committee shall consist of elected Members of Deal Town Council. Its quorum shall be 3.

**Co-options:** Co-opted members shall be representatives of organisations and individuals who in the opinion of the Committee shall enhance the effectiveness and representation of the Committee. The Committee will submit co-option recommendations to Full Council for decision. Co-opted members shall not have voting rights.

**Meetings:** Meetings of the Committee shall normally take place at least six times a year. The time, date and place of meetings shall be determined by the Council at the Annual Council Meeting, or otherwise by the Council.

#### **Objectives:**

- 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.
- 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 natural environment and its biodiversity whilst improving our open spaces, public rights of ways and green corridors.

Reviewed and agreed: F/C 19.04.22

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**To:** Cllr S Cullen – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
**Subject:** DDC Updates – Microchipping Event & Love Your Beach Campaign

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**DDC – Dog Microchipping Event**

Dover District Council have confirmed a date for their dog microchipping campaign taking place in Deal on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Deal Pier. The event will take place from 11am – 2pm.

Dover District Council received 144 contacts relating to lost or stray dogs in the last financial year (01/04/2024-31/03/2025) resulting in 98 dogs being formally seized as strays by their Stray Dog Service. At the point of seizure, 54% of dogs did not have a valid microchip (percentage includes stray dogs seized without a microchip and incorrect details). This is a 17% decrease from the last financial year.

The DDC Environmental Crime Team are offering FREE microchip checks for dogs to ensure the microchip is working and the information is up to date.

**DDC - Love Your Beach Campaign**

Dover District Council are planning on relaunching their Love your beach scheme in Deal over the summer break. They last ran the campaign back in 2023.

They intend to put out a press release nearer the launch but an overview of what they are planning for this year's campaign is as follows:

- Posters erected at entrances to the beach encouraging the public to “do the right thing and put their litter in the bin” or if the bin is full to take it with them to another bin or take it home.
- Moving of the green seas plastic recycling bin from Dover to a location along Deal seafront [Throwing marine life a lifeline – with life buoy recycling bins](#) [Throwing marine life a lifeline – with life buoy recycling bins](#) (location to be confirmed).
- Veolia investing a e-Bike to service the litter bins along the seafront promenade more efficiently.
- Exploration of deployment of our face in the hole board at a seafront location.
- Installation of seasonal additional bulk bins along seafront (location to be confirmed)
- Social media posts raising awareness of the issue of litter.

The Communications Officer will be placing the information for these campaigns onto the Deal Town Council website.

**Decision required:** Members to note this information.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Cllr S Cullen, Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee Members  
**From:** Nadine Miller, Climate Change, Project & Communications Officer  
**Date:** 9th June 2025  
**Subject:** Deal Bathing Water Quality – additional analysis

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In October 2024, Full Council agreed the Ocean and Coastal Recovery Declaration & Strategy project plan, with the aim for Deal Town Council:

1. To make a declaration supporting the recovery of the Deal coastline and sea off Deal.
2. To develop strategies to achieve this for the Town Council itself.
3. To develop cooperative strategies with neighbours and interested parties.

This was in response to concerns about the health of our sea and a water sample taken on 23 August 2024 showing Intestinal Enterococci (IE) 1,700 colonies per 100ml and Escherichia coli (EC) 3,900 colonies per 100ml.

(The average reading from May to October is estimated as Intestinal Enterococci (IE) 58 colonies per 100ml and Escherichia coli (EC) 37 colonies per 100ml).

In November 2024 the Environment Agency declared a classification of 'poor' for Deal. In 2019 & 2020 the shore was rated 'excellent', 'good' in 2021 and 2022 and then 'sufficient' in 2023.

In the course of consulting for the draft Ocean and Coastal Recovery Declaration & Strategy, meetings have been held with local stakeholders, town and parish councils and organisations including Dover District Council, White Cliffs Countryside Project and Southern Water. Southern Water reported: "We have employed the services of Adler & Allan to collect samples across the Deal coastline. The activity is completed around their primary objective of pollution response. The samples are sent for analysis at NLS laboratory services and results are shared in 7 days' time.

**"2024 results** - 78 samples were collected across multiple 8 locations (see map below) throughout 2024. Only one sample fell outside the excellent classification threshold but still within 'Good' classification.

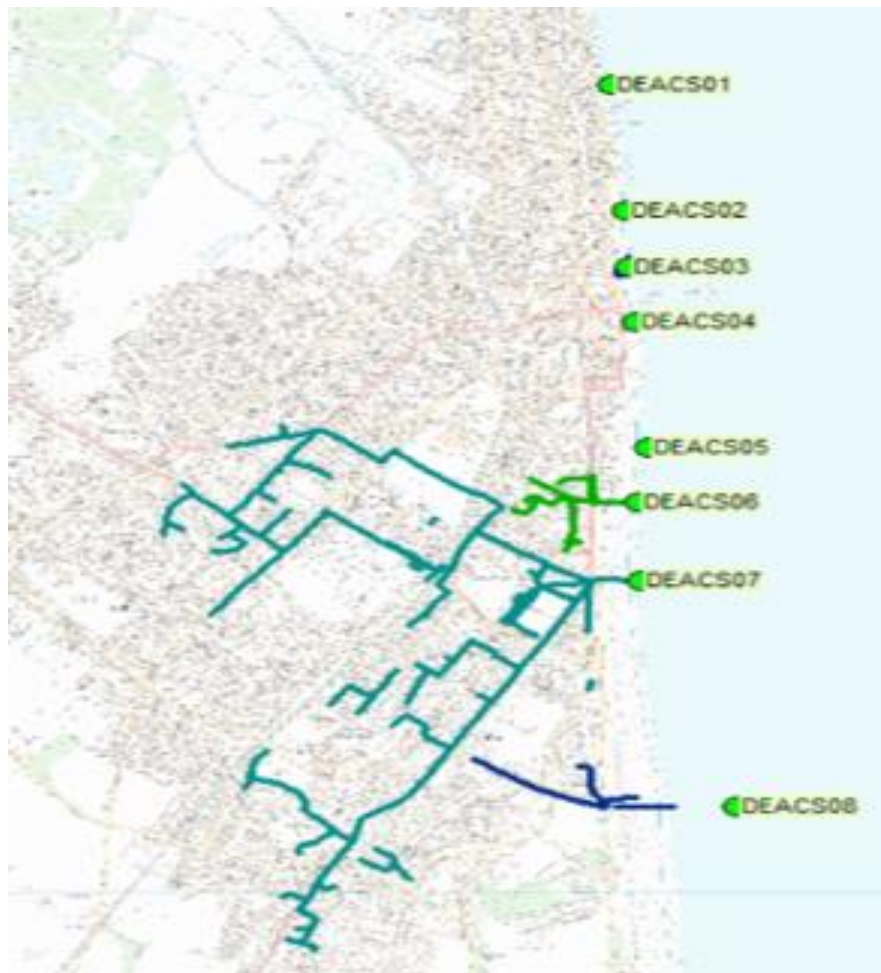
**"2025 results** - 40 Samples collected in 2025. All samples returned <50 E.coli and Intestinal Enterococci".

These are not official readings that will affect the classification of Deal's bathing water classification, they are collected to support Southern Water in their work and have shared them as part of the draft Ocean and Coastal Recovery Declaration & Strategy consultation.

The Environment Agency collects data during the determined bathing season, from May to October. The results from Southern Water cover the entire year and they have agreed to share these with Deal Town Council.

Due to the impact of the 'poor' bathing water classification, officers felt it important to share this new information now, ahead of the completed strategy, due to be published in September.





Location of the eight sample sites

**Decision required:** Members to note information.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM

**To:** Cllr S Cullen – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
**Subject:** National Grid Sea Link Project Update

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The Committee Clerk has received the following update from the Sea Link Community Relations Team at the National Grid:

*“The Planning Inspectorate has accepted National Grid’s application for development consent for Sea Link, a proposed electricity connection between Kent and Suffolk designed to strengthen the UK’s energy network.*

*As the demand for energy increases, the project is designed to deliver renewable and low carbon energy efficiently to homes and businesses across the regions and beyond.*

*The cable would be predominantly offshore, with new onshore infrastructure to bring the power from the subsea cables into and out of the electricity network in both Kent and Suffolk.*

*We submitted our application to the Planning Inspectorate on Thursday 27 March 2025. Since then, the Planning Inspectorate has carried out an initial review of the application to check it meets the requirements to continue through the application process.*

*The Planning Inspectorate’s decision to accept our application marks the start of the pre-examination stage. During this time, they will appoint the independent panel, known as the Examining Authority, who will be responsible for conducting the examination of our application. The Examining Authority will then begin to look at the application in detail and prepare the ‘examination timetable’ – how, where and when it will take place.*

*At this stage, members of the public will be able to register as an Interested Party in order to take part in the process. We will publicise details of how you can register as an Interested Party in the near future.*

*The Planning Inspectorate will manage the examination stage, with members of the public able to have a say on the plans directly to the Inspectorate.*

*To read more about the process and next steps, please see our project website [here](#). The full application is available to view on [the dedicated Sea Link page of the Planning Inspectorate website](#). ”*

**Decision required:** Members to note the above information.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**ATTACHMENT 7**

**To:** Cllr S Cullen – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
**Subject:** **Committee Clerk Report**

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**Ocean & Coastal Recovery Strategy Update**

As Councillors will be aware this project plan was agreed by Full Council in October 2024. The aim of this project is for Deal Town Council to make a declaration supporting the recovery of the Deal coastline and sea off Deal, develop strategies to achieve this for the Town Council itself and develop cooperative strategies with neighbours and interested parties.

The Climate Change Officer, Cllr Findley and Committee Clerk have now had meetings with local Stakeholders and local Parish and Town Councils, the meetings were well received, and all participants were positive about this project. The Climate Change & Project Officer is currently collating the feedback received from these meetings to produce Deal Town Council's Ocean and Coastal Recovery Declaration.

Updates will be brought back to future Environment Committee meetings.

**Community Garden at Park Avenue Allotment Site Update**

This project was approved by Full Council in January 2024 and is part of our Deal Town Council Climate Action Plan 2024 onwards.

The plan of action is to create a Community Garden at the Park Avenue allotment site on the right-hand side, next to the shed as this area is too small for a plot. The garden will be next to the compost area on a steep bank, where four raised beds will be created.

This project will enable the Council to build links with organisations which support vulnerable people e.g. people living with dementia, neurodiversity, sight or hearing impairment.

The work on the raised beds is underway (see photo below). The Committee Clerk will continue to update the Committee on the progress of the Community Garden.



### **Hedgehog Friendly Deal Update**

The Hedgehog Friendly Deal Project plan was approved at the Full Council meeting held on 25th June 2024.

This project aims to distribute hedgehog friendly gravel boards to the residents of Deal in order to establish 'hedgehog highways' throughout the town. Residents register to receive one of 100 free hedgehog friendly gravel board, funded by Deal Town Council.

As Committee members will be aware, a press release kicked off the project in March, and on the 10th May the Climate Change Officer, Cllr Craggs and Committee Clerk went to the Saturday Market to promote this project and currently we have received 25 registration forms from Deal residents requesting free hedgehog gravel boards.

Future updates will be brought back to the Committee regarding this project.

**Decision required:** Members to note the above information.