



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 28 July 2026 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 27 July 2026 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: 21 July 2026

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks:	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence received:	Town Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach. 1
4	The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach. 2
5	Local Police update from PC Kyle Waymark: For information	
6	Public participation and statements received: For councillor information, members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	Town Clerk
7	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing between 1 June and 30 June 2026: Decision required.	Attach. 3
8	Report from Chairperson of the Council re Deal Fire Station: Decisions required.	Attach. 4
9	Notice of Councillor Vacancy on Deal Town Council: Decision required.	Attach. 5
10	Town Clerk Report: For information.	Attach. 6
11	Local Government Reorganisation update: For information.	Attach. 7
12	Councillor Outside Body report received: (a) Dover Joint Transportation Board: Information to note.	Attach. 8
13	Deal Town Council Committee minutes: Information to note (a) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 01.06.2026 (b) The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 18.02.2026	Attach. 9 Attach. 10
	Date of next meeting: 29 September 2026	

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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 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.

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The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr M Eddy (Chairperson) Cllr P Findley
 Cllr S Beer Cllr L Craggs
 Cllr A Friend Cllr T Bond
 Cllr P Jull Cllr O Richardson
 Cllr D Cronk Cllr M Walters (from 19.43pm)

Officers: Mrs L Crow (Town Clerk) Others: No members of public
 Mr P Bone (Deputy Town Clerk)
 Ms J Harper (Asst. to the Town Clerk)
 Ms N Miller (Climate Change, Projects & Communications Officer)

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced the passing of Cllr Ben Bano, a long-standing member of Deal Town Council and former Mayor. Cllr Bano was remembered by the Mayor and Councillors for his dedication to the vulnerable people of Deal, his work with the NHS and his work with refugees. A one minute silence was held in respect for Cllr Bano, and at the request of a Cllr Friend, former Deal Town Councillor and Mayor Mrs S Delling, who had passed away in 2024, was also remembered.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for Absence received: Cllr S Cullen due to work commitments, Cllr M Cronk due to personal commitments. Absent: Cllr S Brookfield	Town Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4	The minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council meeting held on Tuesday May 2026 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2026 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr L Craggs. 9 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Agreed. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
5	Public participation and statements: None received.	
6	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing from between 1 April and 31 May 2026: Members RESOLVED: To accept the list of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing from the 1 April to 31 May 2026. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	R.F.O
7	Recommendation from the Transport & Infrastructure Committee: Members RESOLVED: To decline the project plan but to consider road safety when the Town Plan is reviewed by the next council. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr A Friend. 9 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Cllr M Walters joined the meeting at 19.43pm	Committee Clerk
8	Community Governance Review: Members RESOLVED: To agree with the draft recommendation submission document of no change to the number of current Deal Town Councillors. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Beer. All agreed	Town Clerk

9	Warm Welcome Reports: (a) Warm Welcome 2025/26 update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed. (b) Warm Welcome 2026/27 project plan: Members RESOLVED: To agree the updated project plan and to delegate authority to the Climate Change, Project & Communications Officer, in liaison with the Town Clerk and R.F.O to make any further decisions regarding this year's project. To raise the proposed budget for the Deal Warm Welcome Project in 2027-2028 to £12,000. To be included in the draft budget for 2027/2028 when considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting in November 2026. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr Craggs. 10 For, 1 Against, Agreed.	Climate Change, Project & Comms Officer R.F.O
10	The Lord Warden's Community Picnic: Members RESOLVED: That eight volunteers from the Deal Warm Welcome venues are invited to accompany the Mayor and Mayoress to the Lord Wardens Community Picnic and to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in liaison with the Mayor to decide on the allocation. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr P Findley. All agreed.	Town Clerk/Mayor
11	The General Power of Competence Review: Members RESOLVED: That Deal Town Council declare they continue to meet the criteria of eligibility for the General Power of Competence. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	Town Clerk
12	Request received for Free Use of the Town Hall: Members RESOLVED: In support of the Council's commitment as a town council of sanctuary, to grant free use of the Town Hall to the Samphire organisation on Saturday 5 December for a community lantern-making workshop and on Friday 11 December for an evening concert. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	Comms Officer/ Facilities Manager
13	Mayoral Engagements from 2025 to May 2026: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	
14	Councillor Outside Body reports received: Members RESOLVED: To note the following reports. (a) Dover Joint Transportation Board. (b) KALC Area Committee Meeting & AGM. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr A Friend. All agreed.	
15	Climate Action Day 2026 update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed.	
16	Deal Town Council Committee minutes: Members RESOLVED: To note the following minutes: (a) The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 24.03.2026 (b) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 08.04.2026 (c) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 07.05.2026 (d) The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 18.03.2026 (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr A Friend. All agreed.	

17	Resolution to exclude the public: At 7.57pm Members RESOLVED: To exclude the members of public on the grounds that the information to be discussed is of a confidential nature. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr A Friend. All agreed.	
18	Staff Liaison Panel Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr L Craggs 9 for 2 abstentions	
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.06pm	

Deal Town Council
Nat West Combined A/C's

List of Payments made between 01/06/2026 and 30/06/2026

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid
01/06/2026	SSE ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC TOWN HALL	£ 810.66
01/06/2026	VIC YOUNG SS	OFFICIAL CAR LEASE	£ 390.89
02/06/2026	VIKING OFFICE DEPOT	STATIONERY TOWN HALL	£ 97.29
04/06/2026	BRITISH TELECOM	INTERNET TOWN HALL	£ 64.74
05/06/2026	KONICA MINOLTA	PHOTO COPIER RENTAL	£ 139.32
05/06/2026	KONICA MINOLTA	PHOTO COPIES	£ 60.01
05/06/2026	VODAFONE	WORK MOBILES	£ 217.62
05/06/2026	DNA PAYMENTS	CARD MACHINE FEES	£ 31.62
09/06/2026	GLOBAL4 TELECOM	LANDLINE TOWN HALL	£ 267.07
10/06/2026	NEATHOUSE PARTNERS	HR & HS TOWN HALL	£ 366.00
10/06/2026	GUIDELINE LIFT SERVICE	LIFT SERVICING MAINT	£ 181.72
11/06/2026	KENT FARMERS MARKETS	ANNUAL SUBS	£ 160.00
11/06/2026	CONF. CINQUE PORTS	ANNUAL SUBS	£ 400.00
12/06/2026	CONF. CINQUE PORTS	CINQUE PORT CONFERENCE	£ 30.00
15/06/2026	FCS EXTERIOR CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING TH	£ 230.00
15/06/2026	FCS EXTERIOR CLEANING	PRESSURE WASH FRONT TH	£ 220.00
15/06/2026	ADAMS PRINTERS	UNDERCROFT SIGNAGE	£ 162.00
15/06/2026	NAT WEST	BANK CHARGES	£ 44.45
18/06/2026	PHILLIP VALLANCE	ALLOT MAINT GR	£ 208.00
18/06/2026	PHILLIP VALLANCE	ALLOT MAINT PA	£ 209.00
18/06/2026	PHILLIP VALLANCE	ALLOT MAINT MR	£ 208.00
18/06/2026	KENT PENSION FUND	EE's PENSION	£ 1,476.88
18/06/2026	KENT PENSION FUND	ER's PENSION	£ 4,260.27
19/06/2026	DDC	BUSINESS RATES	£ 1,127.00
19/06/2026	COUNCILLORS	COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES	£ 225.00
19/06/2026	STAFF	NET PAY	£ 23,916.41
22/06/2026	BUSINESS STREAM	WATER GR ALLOTS	£ 80.00
22/06/2026	HMRC PAYE EE	HMRC PAYE EE	£ 4,623.94
22/06/2026	HNRC EE NI	HNRC EE NI	£ 985.44
22/06/2026	HMRC ER NI	HMRC ER NI	£ 3,414.54
22/06/2026	ACAS	TRAINING STAFF	£ 325.00
26/06/2026	ADM COMPUTER SERV	IT SUPPORT & SECURITY	£ 955.26
30/06/2026	SUEZ RECYCLING	WASTE & RECYCLING TH	£ 150.28
30/06/2026	FOLKESTONE TC	MAYOR EVENT	£ 30.00
30/06/2026	SANDWICH TC	MAYOR EVENT	£ 60.00
30/06/2026	NAT WEST	BANK CHARGES	£ 77.47
			£ 46,205.88

Deal Town Council
Nat West Combined A/C's

List of Payments over £500 made between 01/06/2026 and 30/06/2026

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid
01/06/2026	SSE ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC TOWN HALL	£ 810.66
18/06/2026	KENT PENSION FUND	EE's PENSION	£ 1,476.88
18/06/2026	KENT PENSION FUND	ER's PENSION	£ 4,260.27
19/06/2026	DDC	BUSINESS RATES	£ 1,127.00
19/06/2026	STAFF NET PAY	NET PAY	£ 23,916.41
22/06/2026	HMRC PAYE EE	HMRC PAYE EE	£ 4,623.94
22/06/2026	HNRC EE NI	HNRC EE NI	£ 985.44
22/06/2026	HMRC ER NI	HMRC ER NI	£ 3,414.54
26/06/2026	ADM COMPUTER SERV	IT SUPPORT & SECURITY	£ 955.26
			£ 41,570.40

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL – MEMORANDUM

To: Deal Town Councillors
 From: Cllr M Eddy Chairperson of Deal Town Council
 Date: 16 July 2026
 Re: **Report from the Chairperson of the Council re Deal Fire Station**

Deal has been a two-pump fire station since World War Two.

Details came to light in June 2026 of draft proposals from Kent Fire & Rescue Service that would have a significant impact on the safety of our town.

A report and public consultation were scheduled but this has been put back and the Kent Fire & Rescue Service has now scheduled a meeting for Thursday 6 August. At this meeting they will decide which proposals should be explored and how and when a public consultation will be undertaken.

You can read the June report here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/sites/default/files/Resource%20Review%20-%20ITEM%20B3.pdf>

It explores the removal of the 'attached' on call section and to remove the on-call fire engine, saving £140,000 a year.

Citing "Whitfield provides important support and is well placed to provide some mitigation in the southern Deal area."

The report goes on to say: "Impact on service delivery - Closing a fire station or removing a fire engine from frontline service delivery will of course have an impact to our customers."

I was recently asked to attend an informal meeting with representatives from Deal Fire Station who are rightly concerned about these proposals. The possibility that these changes go ahead should be a concern to all residents of Deal.

Mindful that Full Council will not meet again until the end of September, if similar proposals are announced and a public consultation is agreed at their meeting on Thursday 6 August, if we are in agreement, this council and its members should be ready to voice our objection.

Recommendations: When a public consultation begins and if it is to remove or reduce current provision at Deal fire station, members to agree:

- The consultation will be circulated by the Communications Officer to all councillors to comment and complete as individuals.
- The Chairperson of the Council will respond to the consultation in support of retaining current staff levels at Deal Fire station and to maintain two pumps, on behalf of the Council, in liaison with the Town Clerk and the Communications Officer.
- The Chairperson of the Council writes to Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, local MP, Kent County Councillors and Dover District Council in support of retaining current staff levels at Deal Fire Station and to maintain two pumps.
- Ensure the consultation is readily available for residents to share their views via our communication channels including news releases, posters, on our website and social media

Decisions required: Members to consider the above recommendations.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson of Deal Town Council, all Council members
From: Mrs L Crow, Town Clerk
Date: 17 July 2026
Subject: **Notice of Councillor Vacancy on Deal Town Council**

Dover District Council Electoral services were advised of the sad news that long-standing Deal Town Council Councillor and former Mayor Cllr Ben Bano had passed away.

As is usual practice, out of respect for Cllr Bano and his family, Electoral services waited until the day after the funeral to advertise the Mill Hill ward vacancy to the public.

This vacancy notice will be advertised for fourteen days. It is displayed on the Town Hall windows, the Council's noticeboard and website.

We will be advised after fourteen days if ten electors have come forward to request an election.

As the vacancy has not fallen within the six-month period before the town and parish elections in 2027, if no by-election is called, the council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the 14-day period, fill the vacancy by co-option.

Should ten electors not come forward, a Councillor Co-option Committee will be required for the co-option process. Previously, membership for this committee has been four; the Chairperson of the Council, the Chairperson of the Staff Liaison Panel and two other councillors.

The Town Councillor Co-option Policy and application form are attached overleaf for information.

Recommendation:

Members to agree and decide on membership of the Councillor Co-option Committee.

Decision required: Members to consider the above.



DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION POLICY

The co-option of a Town Councillor occurs when a casual vacancy has arisen on the council and no by-election has been called.

To ensure that a fair and transparent process is undertaken the following procedure will be followed by Deal Town Council:

1. On receipt of written confirmation from the Electoral Services Office at Dover District, that the vacancy can be filled by means of co-option, the Town Clerk will:
 - i. Advertise the vacancy for 4 weeks on the Council notice boards and website.
 - ii. Advise the Council that the Co-option Policy has been instigated by sending an email to all Councillors.
 - iii. Prepare an information pack to be sent to anyone wishing to apply for the vacancy, pack to include a meeting schedule, the council's procedural standing orders and committee terms of reference, Candidate consent to nomination form and covering letter.
2. Applicants for co-option will be asked to:
 - i. Submit information about themselves, by way of completing a short application form, CV's can also be included.
 - ii Applications must be received within 4 weeks of the date that the vacancy was advertised.
3. Copies of the applicant's application form will be circulated to all Councillors by the Town Clerk in confidence.
4. Applicants will be invited to attend a meeting of the Councillor Co-option Committee, when the Co-option will be considered.
5. The Town Clerk will provide a set list of questions which has been agreed by the Chairperson of the Council. This ensures that all candidates are uniformly treated, and each member of the Councillor Co-option committee will ask the candidate at least one question.
6. In the event of interviewing more than one candidate, each candidate will be invited separately into the meeting.
7. After all set questions have been asked and the candidate is given any opportunity to speak fully, the candidate will leave the room whilst the Councillor Co-option Committee discuss each application.
8. The Councillor Co-option Committee will submit a report to the next available meeting of Full Council advising of any successful candidates to be approved for Co-Option to fill the available vacancy and give the reason why the unsuccessful applicants were not selected.



DEAL TOWN COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION APPLICATION FORM

Name

Address for Correspondence.....

.....**Postcode**.....

Tel. **Mobile**.....

Email

Are you 18 or over? YES/NO

Please detail any experience you have that may be relevant to Deal Town Council
(if necessary, please use a separate sheet of paper).

Is there any other information you would like to disclose regarding your application? (Such as involvement with other local organisations, personal aims/objectives, personal or business interests in land or premises within the parish that may be subject to planning considerations. If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet of paper).

Signed.....

Dated.....

Please return your completed form, together with the Candidates Consent to Nomination form to: Mrs Lorna Crow, Town Clerk, Deal Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6TR no later than XXXX

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson of Deal Town Council, all Council members
From: Mrs L Crow, Town Clerk
Date: 20 July 2026
Subject: Town Clerk Report

Annual Report 2025/26: The Communications Officer has been working on the Annual Report for 2025/26, the draft has been approved by the Town Clerk in liaison with the Chairperson of the Council. It has followed our usual format and will be emailed to all councillors for information, it will then be uploaded onto the council's website.

Policies & Standing Orders: I have reviewed all the Council's current policies and the Standing Orders, some of which require minor amendments. I will be sharing these with the Staff Liaison Panel shortly for their views and a report will be submitted to Full Council in due course.

Neathouse: We have now received the final draft of our Safety Management System and Safety Handbook. These have been reviewed by our H&S Officer, the Deputy Town Clerk and me. They will be shared with the Chairperson of the Council to sign the appropriate pages on behalf of the Council. The handbooks will then be uploaded into the Councillor Shared Drive into a folder named NEATHOUSE for Councillors to view, and onto the Staff Shared Drive for all staff to access.

Neathouse are currently reviewing the Employee Handbook for this year, it will be shared with the staff and uploaded into the Councillor Shared Drive NEATHOUSE folder for Councillors to view when complete.

Neathouse have finally made available the Staff Online Training Modules, which had been delayed due to glitches at their end. The Staff are now all signed on to access the training and I have allocated the relevant training modules for them to complete this year. I will be exploring with Neathouse if the training can be made available for Councillors to undertake if they wish and will advise Councillors via email if this becomes possible.

Deal Town Council Website: Following the responses received to my email to all Councillors on 23 June, Councillor home address details, with the exception of one, have been removed from our website.

Deal not selected for the Town of Culture 2028 shortlist: Almost 400 towns and parishes across the UK took part in the first ever Town of Culture 2028 bid and I join the Mayor in expressing my disappointment that Deal was not selected, but am incredibly proud of the bid Deal Town Council submitted.

As noted in the report that went to Full Council in April, in bringing together our Expression of Interest we forged greater understanding and better relationships with many groups and organisations in the town.

The competition is still live but we have approached the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, not just for feedback, but to see if we are able to share the Expression of Interest more widely, as it will be a great template to help shape future projects and endeavours.

Lord Wardens Picnic: The Lord Warden hosted a Lord Warden's Cinque Port Picnic in the grounds of Walmer Castle on Sunday 12 July. With great many thanks, and in recognition of their continued hard work and support for Deal Warm Welcome, volunteers from four venues were invited by the Mayor and Mayoress to join them at the event.

It was a special day, honouring those who have made a significant contribution to our town.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson of Deal Town Council, all Council members
From: Mrs L Crow, Town Clerk
Date: 17 July 2026
Subject: **Local Government Reorganisation Update**

As members will be aware Dover District Council considered the five business case options on Wednesday 19 November 2025 for Local Government Reorganisation. They recommended Option 4B (four unitary model with no boundary changes) be approved as the preferred option for submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, whilst recognising the benefits and challenges associated with Option 4D (four unitary model with boundary changes that sees east Kent including Folkestone and Faversham). [Kent-Local-Government-Reorganisation-Business-Case-Option-4B.pdf](#)

In the proposed system, unitary councils would deliver all council services in one area, in the same way Medway Council currently operates. This preferred option would see Kent and Medway divided into four new unitary councils, with the East Kent unitary covering the current district areas of Dover, Canterbury and Thanet.

Information has now been released to advise that Government ministers have made the decision regarding the boundaries for the new unitary councils that will replace Kent County Council and the district councils. The decision is that Kent and Medway will be served by four completely new councils from April 2028. [Local government reorganisation: decision letter to Kent and Medway council leaders](#)

The government is replacing Kent County Council, Medway Council and the 12 district, borough and city councils that currently deliver services in the county with four new unitary councils.

They advise that those councils will deliver all of the services in their area, much like Medway Council does today, including education, social services, highways, libraries, emptying bins, leisure centres and housing services.

Dover District Council has released the following press statement;

Following a government consultation which attracted around 3,000 responses, the Secretary of State has opted for:

- *A unitary council covering the areas currently served by Dartford, Gravesham and Medway in the north*
- *A unitary council covering the areas currently served by Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells in the west*
- *A unitary council covering the areas currently served by Swale, Ashford and Folkestone and Hythe in the middle of Kent*
- *A unitary council covering the areas currently served by Canterbury, Thanet and Dover in the east.*

In a statement, Kent and Medway's council leaders said: "We want to reassure our residents that not one of our services will change overnight – you will still be dealing with the same council staff tomorrow and the day after that.

"The new councils will not come into being until 1 April 2028.

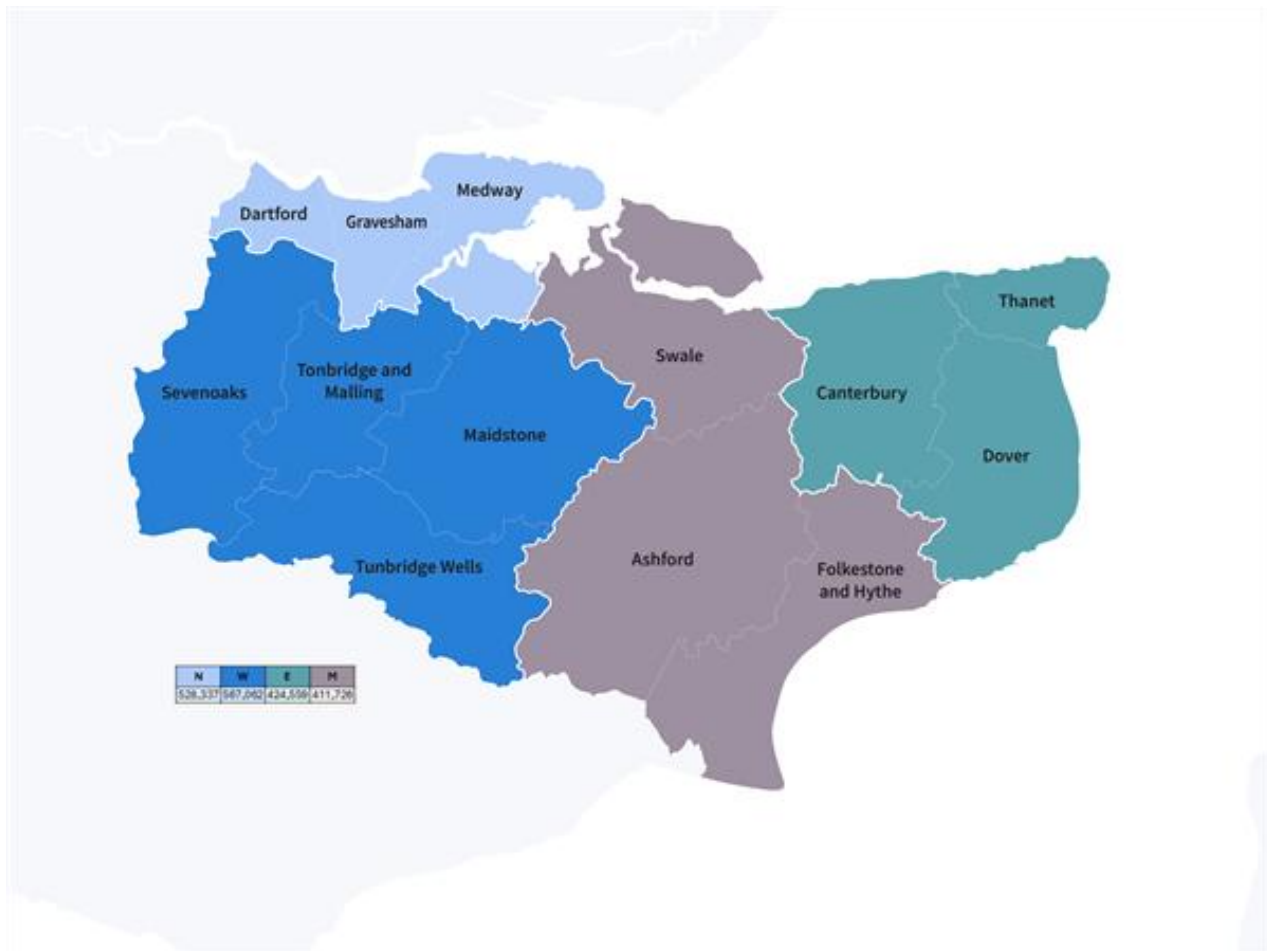
“All of the councils in Kent and Medway have a long history of working closely together to do the very best for the people we serve and that will not change one bit.

“This is the start of the process of bringing our different teams together with the aim of designing then delivering the best possible services for the people we serve.

“Of course, this change affects the thousands of council staff across the county who work incredibly hard day in and day out.

“Our focus will be supporting them through this change while helping them to carry on delivering our business-as-usual services seamlessly.

“There is a lot of work to do but we will make sure we take every opportunity to make our services the very best they can be.”



Dates to note: To date the government has not announced anything in respect of the elections. However, DDC are expecting to hold shadow unitary elections in May 2027 with the town and parish elections.

May – Dec 2026 Transitional legislation needed to be prepared and laid.

May 2027 Elections for the new shadow unitary councils.

April 2028 New Unitary councils go live – “vesting day”.

After “vesting day” the district and county council will cease to exist.

Decision required: Members to note the report

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Deal Town Councillors
From: Councillor M Eddy
Date: 13 July 2026
Subject: Councillor Outside Body Report - Dover Joint Transportation Advisory Board

Information to note

Report on Dover Joint Transportation Advisory Board meeting, 2 July 2026.

The Dover Joint Transportation Advisory Board (JTAB) met at the DDC offices on 2 July with two principal items on the agenda. Four DDC members were present, along with three KCC members, and three non-voting representatives from the town and parish councils.

Although a variety of questions had been asked at the previous meeting, responses from KCC Highways had not yet been forthcoming.

The first item on the agenda was a report on the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) project which aims to provide 10,000 EV charging points across Kent over a 10-year period. In the first year up to 150 charging points will be delivered with a minimum of 13 being put in each district for on-street parking places. DDC members provided forensic questioning.

Part of the report revealed that KCC is planning to bring forward proposals for cross pavement cabling for EV charging.

The other major report was a follow-up report on the "Forward Works Plan" for 2024-25 and 2025-26. This was attended by a KCC officer via Teams. Mostly it was a list of works completed, with some works (like works to West Street, Deal) programmed for "late 2026"). A number of questions related to the blank sections for KCC member funded schemes and externally funded schemes. Answers were promised.

KCC members asked about the mixed speed limits on the A258 by the Swingate, a subject which had been raised at the previous meeting. They were helpfully updated by the parish council representative and the KCC officer advised that a Road Traffic Order was being sought to make the new arrangement lawful while construction works were continuing.

Minutes - approved by Committee and signed by Chairperson 06/07/2026

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 1st June 2026
at the Town Hall at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr M Eddy (Chairperson)
Cllr T Bond (Vice Chairperson)

Cllr A Friend
Ms E Fogarty (FOND)

Officers: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Others: 0

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put their mobile phones on silent.				Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Cllr P Findley due to prior work commitments.				Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.				
4	Public Participation and Statements received: None received.				Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 7th May 2026 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 th May 2026 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.				Chairperson
6	Planning applications received:				Committee Clerk
	DDC Ref	Ward	Address	Proposal	
	22/01701	ND	74-80 High Street And 67 Middle Street Deal CT14 6EQ	(Amended plans and updated information) Erection of first and second-floor extensions, installation of new shopfronts, access doors, additional windows and solar panels to roof, to form 5no. retail units and 17no. residential flats.	Members RESOLVED: Objection. This development is overbearing. DTC also object to the internal arrangements which are excessively cramped. There is no evidence of sound proofing between the flats and no adequate fire escapes. This development will also have a detrimental effect on the conservation area and is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.

22/01702	ND	74-80 High Street And 67 Middle Street Deal CT14 6EQ	(Amended Plans) Alterations & extension to form commercial & residential units. Proposed 2nd floor extension. Internal works to incl. demolition of existing walls & partitions, & erection of new to all floors. External works to incl. installation of new shopfronts; insertion of windows and doors and installation of solar panels to roof.	Members RESOLVED: Objection. This development is overbearing. DTC also object to the internal arrangements which are excessively cramped. There is no evidence of sound proofing between the flats and no adequate fire escapes. This development will also have a detrimental effect on the conservation area and is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.
25/01349	MH	Land On The West Side Of Cross Road Deal CT14 9LA	(Amended) Reserved matters for application for the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, including affordable housing, public open space and landscaping for the erection of 140 dwellings pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 21/01822.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. DTC maintains its objection to the principle of this housing development but can find no material reason for refusing these amendments. (P) Cllr M Eddy. (S) Cllr A Friend. All agreed.
26/00454	MD	47 - 51 London Road Deal Kent CT14 9TF	Display of 1 PID (Price Identity) sign and 1 forecourt canopy fascia sign.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. No material reason for refusal. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.
26/00466	MD	47 - 51 London Road Deal Kent CT14 9TF	Installation of 4 parcel collection lockers (retrospective).	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. No material reason for refusal. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.
26/00401	ND	The Sir Norman	Variation of condition 3	Members RESOLVED: Objection. DTC object

		Wisdom 16 - 18 Queen Street Deal Kent CT14 6ET	(opening hours) of planning permission 11/00937 (Change of use and conversion to public house (use class A4), erection of single storey rear extension and new shop front and associated external alterations (warehouse to rear to be demolished) with variation to the following conditions of the planning permission DOV/11/0256; 2 - to allow alterations to the window arrangements, erection of a canopy and removal of the managers flat; 3 - to vary opening times; Sunday-Wednesday (incl bank holidays) 07.00-00.30, Thursday-Saturday 07.00 - 01.30; and 9 - details of the proposed extraction, ventilation and cooling equipment to service the refurbished building) to vary to opening hours.	as it is unclear what the business means in its application by opening on Saints Days, as this means the business could potentially open every day of the year. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	
26/00385	MH	40A Mill Hill Deal CT14 9EW	Installation of steel security roller shutter to the shop window (retrospective).	Members RESOLVED: Objection. The shutters are out of keeping with the street scene and DTC suggests that the business uses internal shuttering to maintain security. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr A Friend. 2 For, 1 Against.	

				Motion carried.	
26/00386	MH	40A Mill Hill Deal CT14 9EW	Display of externally illuminated fascia sign.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	
26/00304	ND	The Clarendon Hotel 51 - 55 Beach Street Deal CT14 6HY	Erection of single storey ground floor rear entrance extension & 1st floor rear extension to form 4no ensuite bedrooms. Erection of 2nd floor front elevation extension to form 1no ensuite bedroom with balcony and 3rd floor stair access. Internal works incl: Infill of existing & creation of new openings & erection of partitions to ground, 1st, 2nd & 3rd floors. Remove staircase from ground floor rear addition. Encapsulate 3rd floor staircase and form new staircase in new location. Roof level works incl: removal of 3no chimneys and installation of PV panels to the rear south facing roof slopes. Rear W elevation: Replace 3rd floor escape stair in new location. Insert 1no new chimney for kitchen extract . Side S elevation: Replace 5no windows, installation of 2no doors and 1no	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. Subject to views of the Heritage/Conservation Officer. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.	

			window. Insert enclosure to existing spiral escape stair. Side N elevation remove escape door and insert window, replace 1no roof dormer. Front E elevation part render and re paint elevation.	
26/00359	MH	Whitebeam Ellens Road Deal CT14 9JJ	Erection of a single storey side extension	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.
26/00213	ND	4 - 6 Park Street Deal CT14 6AQ	Change of use from professional to residential, erection of 2 storey rear extension with alterations to windows, doors, external cladding, roof to rear bay window.	Members RESOLVED: Objection. This building work is overbearing and is detrimental to the integrity of the Deal Conservation area. No information in the application on material being used for windows. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy. 2 For, 1 Against. Motion carried.
26/00308	MD	120 Church Path Deal CT14 9TN	Erection of a single storey dwelling, shed and associated vehicular access/parking and new access to serve 120 Church Path (self-build).	No Objection. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.
26/00380	MH	48 Lydia Road Deal CT14 9JX	Erection of a single storey rear extension (existing rear extension to be demolished).	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.
26/00407	ND	Land Rear Of 54 To 58 Blenheim Road Deal Kent	Erection of first floor extension to facilitate conversion to residential dwelling and workspace.	Members RESOLVED: Objection. DTC object due to inadequate vehicle access, overlooking on to neighbouring

					properties, insufficient information regarding potential noise pollution and the installation of trees where root structure could affect surrounding properties. (P) Cllr M Eddy. (S) Cllr A Friend. All agreed.	
	26/00457	ND	12 St Georges Road Deal CT14 6BA	Erection of a single storey side extension, alterations to windows/doors to front elevation.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	
	26/00371	ND	56 High Street Deal CT14 6HE	Replacement of entrance door.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr M Eddy. (S) Cllr T Bond. 2 For, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.	
	26/00363	ND	7 Alfred Square Deal CT14 6LU	Change of use from holiday let to a residential.	Members RESOLVED: No Objection. (P) Cllr A Friend. (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.	
7	Proposed diversion of part of Public Footpath ED39 - Deal in the District of Dover, CT14 0AD: Members RESOLVED: No Objection to the proposed diversion of the public footpath. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.					Committee Clerk
8	DDC Meeting Update: Members RESOLVED: To accept both recommendations with the following amendment: 1. Chairperson writes to MFG Petrol Group to engage regarding deliveries and other issues. 2. Committee Clerk to contact the residents' group with the DDC response. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr A Friend. All agreed.					Chairperson /Committee Clerk
9	DDC decisions: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond. All agreed.					Committee Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.26pm					

Minutes - approved by Committee and signed by Chairperson 24/06/2026**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 February 2026 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr S Cullen (Chairperson)
Cllr P Findley
Ms H Charlton (Co-opted)

Cllr M Eddy
Cllr D Cronk

Officers: Mr Paul Bone (Deputy Town Clerk)
Miss J Harper (Asst. to the Town Clerk)

Others: 3 Members of the public

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 M Cronk and Cllr B Bano due to work commitments.	Deputy Town 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 Tuesday 14th October 2025 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 th October 2025 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. All agreed.	Chairperson
6	Correspondence Update – Deal Bathing Water Quality: Members RESOLVED: Chairperson and Project Officer to make any response in relation to the consultation and new guidance regarding bathing waters unless there is the opportunity to bring the consultation back to this committee. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	Chairperson /Project Officer
7	Correspondence received from Walmer Town Council: Members RESOLVED: Chairperson to write to the Minister of Housing to add their support to the letter sent by Walmer Town Council. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	Chairperson
8	Correspondence received – Beaver Habitat in Deal: Members RESOLVED: Committee Clerk to contact, DDC Environmental Protection and Quinn Management Company draw attention to the presence of a Beaver or Beavers and to contact Natural England to gain further information. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	Committee Clerk
9	Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed	Committee Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 19.35.	