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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 14th October 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 Tuesday 13th October 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: 8th October 2026

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 24th June 2026 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach 2
6	Tree Guardian Project Update: Information to note.	Attach 3
7	Planting Update: Decision required.	Attach 4
8	Ocean & Coastal Recovery Report: Decision required.	Attach 5
9	Committee Clerk Report: Information to note.	Attach 6
	Date of next meeting: 16th December 2026.	
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Committee members: Cllr S Cullen, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr P Findley and Ms H Charlton.		

Declaration of Interest

ATTACHMENT 1

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

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

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

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

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

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

Note to the Code:

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

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The Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday
24th June 2026 at 7.15pm.

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

Officers: Mrs L Marney (Committee Clerk) Others: No members of public
Miss J Harper (Asst. to the Town Clerk)
Nadine Miller (Climate Change, Projects & Comms Officer)

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the fire evacuation procedures.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence received: None received.	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4	Public participation and Statements received: None received.	Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 18th February 2026 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 18 th February 2026 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. All agreed.	Chairperson
6	Hedgehog Friendly Gravel Boards Update: Members RESOLVED: To revisit the project in the autumn and ask people to apply online and distribute the remaining boards on a first come first served basis and move the remaining budget of £1,157 back into the council reserves. (P) Cllr P Findley (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	Project Officer
7	Seeds For Spring Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. All agreed.	Project Officer
8	Hedge Pledge 2 Update: Members RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council that the Hedge Pledge 2 and Tree Jamboree project are now closed and move the budget of £1,200 for the purchase of hedgerow packs back into council reserves. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. All agreed.	Project Officer
9	Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report and thank all staff and Cllrs who were involved. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. All agreed.	Project Officer
10	Action on Litter Project: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Findley. All agreed.	Project Officer
11	Correspondence received: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government: Members RESOLVED: To note the correspondence and review it in six months. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr S Cullen. All agreed.	Committee Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 19.40.	

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Cullen, Chairperson of Environment Committee, Committee Members
From: Nadine Miller, Climate Change, Projects and Communications Officer
Date: 6th October 2026
Re: **Winter and spring tree workshops – Tree Guardian project update**

In February, Full Council approved an updated Tree Guardian project plan which included two workshops to be held at the Town Hall.

Working with Kent Wildlife Trust, we will be offering winter and spring tree workshops on Tuesday 1 December 2026 and Tuesday 27 April 2027 respectively.

They are free to attend and will allow Deal residents to learn more about trees, their health, impact on our environment and seasonal changes.

The workshops will be advertised in the Deal Tree Zone on our website, spaces are limited to 15 people per session and will be allocated on a first come first basis.

Decision required: Members to note the information.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Cullen, Chairperson of the Environment Committee; All Committee Members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 5th October 2026
Subject: **Planting Update**

As members will be aware the Planting Project was delegated to the Committee Clerk in liaison with the Town Clerk to use the remaining budget of £2,071.30 on appropriate sites in the Mill Hill area of Deal, the initial project managed to get authority from KCC for 6 trees planted to be planted in the Mill Hill area at a cost of £1928.70.

The Committee Clerk is still liaising and communicating with Goodwin Academy and Archers Low Nursery regarding providing sustainable trees/plants on the Goodwin site for the school to maintain.

Working alongside St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we have been made aware of an opportunity for the planting of sustainable trees/shrubs at the school site. This could be funded from the planting budget, these trees/shrubs will be for the school to maintain.

Deal Town Council Officers suggest that the remaining budget of £2,071.30 be split evenly between Goodwin Academy and St Mary's Catholic Primary School to enhance sustainable planting on these sites with native trees/shrubs.

Recommendation: Members to agree that the remaining planting budget of £2071.30 be split evenly between St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Goodwin Academy sites.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Cullen, Chairperson of Environment Committee, Committee Members
From: Nadine Miller, Climate Change, Projects and Communications Officer
Date: 6th October 2026
Re: **Ocean and Coastal Recovery Strategy – Stakeholder meetings**

Within the Ocean & Coastal Recovery Strategy agreed and adopted by Council in September 2025, stakeholder meetings were to be hosted at the Town hall every six months until the bathing water quality classification was "good".

In November 2025 the Environment Agency upgraded the bathing water profile for Deal Castle to 'good'. Therefore, there was no longer an obligation to host regular meetings at the Town Hall.

The discussions with Dover District Council, Southern Water, the Environment Agency, neighbouring coastal town and parish councils, local and environmental groups in preparation for the strategy were fruitful and allowed us all to build closer working relationships.

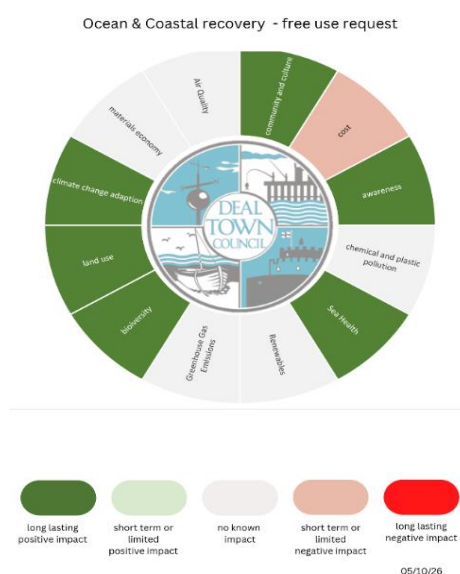
In order to keep the lines of communication open between all groups, Walmer Town Council hosted a stakeholder meeting in May 2026.

The change in classification resulted in Deal Town Council no longer being obliged to host regular stakeholder meetings, however, as outlined in the six priority areas of the Ocean & Coastal Recovery Strategy, these discussions assist with our delivery of the strategy (community response, bathing water quality, sea health, campaigns & communications, Deal Town Council, businesses and tourism).

Recommendation:

- Deal Town Council to host two stakeholder meetings a year at the Town Hall; before and after the bathing season (May to September) in 2027 and 2028.
- Review hosting the meetings in October 2028.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.



DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr S Cullen – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 2nd October 2026
Subject: **Committee Clerk Report**

Look After What You Love (Action on Litter) Project Update

As Committee members will be aware this reworked campaign kicked off at Deal Town Council's Climate Action Day in November 2024. Residents who came along to the event were asked to choose their favourite pavement stencil design, out of a choice of three, Stencil Design A – Bin It received the most votes and was placed at locations throughout the town in July, August and September 2025.

Due to the success of this project the Environment Committee agreed for this campaign to be rolled out every year from July until September.

This Summer the "Bin it" stencil design was placed at strategic pavement locations through the Town Centre using local foraged chalk.



DDC Update: Deal Seafront - Solar Powered Digital Sign

The Committee Clerk has received the following correspondence from Dover District Council:

“ A new solar-powered digital sign has been placed on Deal Seafront to give daily updates during the bathing water season – the sign will display any pollution risk forecasts, helping people make informed decisions about swimming.

Ready for next Spring the new display is sited in the Beach Street Car Park and is active from 7am to 10pm from 15 May until 30 September, with a daily update at around 9am. It shows any pollution risk forecast for the area, confirming if there is ‘no pollution risk forecasted today’ or ‘swimming not advised’.

The Pollution Risk Forecast is a system run by the Environment Agency during the bathing water season to warn the public when short-term pollution or an event like heavy rainfall or tidal conditions is likely to affect water quality.

The new e-sign is alongside the existing water quality noticeboard, which continues to display bathing water data. The digital sign has been installed by DDC, with funding from Southern Water, and updates from the Environment Agency.”

Climate Action Day 2026

Climate Action Day will return for a third year and each year we have a new and topical theme.

Deal Town Council's 2026 Climate Action Day will reflect on the work on our Town of Culture 2028 bid, the theme is “Art and the Environment”, this will be held at Deal Town Hall on Saturday 14th November from 10am – 2pm.