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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 15th June 2022** 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 14th June 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: 9th June 2022

AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks	Chairman
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 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.	
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 11th April 2022 for approval and signing: Decision required	Attach 2
6	Air Quality Monitoring Project Update: Decision required	Attach 3
7	Itree Survey Update: Decision required	Attach 4
8	Committee Clerks Report: For information only	Attach 5
	Date of next meeting: 24 th August 2022	

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Committee members: Cllr C Turner, Cllr S Beer, Cllr B Bano, Cllr T Bond, Cllr C Oliver, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr T Thompson, Cllr A Farrington, Cllr S Carlyle, Ms S Danby and Mr D Carey.

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.

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ATTACH 2

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 11th April 2022 in the Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr C Oliver – Chairman
Cllr T Thompson
Cllr Bano
Cllr T Grist
Cllr A Farrington
Cllr C Turner – Ex-Officio

Officers: Mr P Bone – Deputy Town Clerk
Miss J Harper – Asst. to the Town Clerk
Others: 1 Member of public (Cllr S Beer)

1	Chairman's opening remarks: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the final Environment Committee meeting for the municipal year and advised of the fire evacuation instructions and asked that phones were switched off or to silent.	Chairman
2	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Bond and Mr D Carey. Absent: Ms S Danby	
3	Declarations of interest: None declared.	
4	Public Participation: The Chairman advised that Cllr Beer could join the meeting and speak on relevant agenda items.	
5	The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14th February 2022 for approval: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment committee held on 14 th February 2022 as a true and accurate record. (P) CO (S) TG. All Agreed. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	Chairman
6	Carbon Strategy Scope 5 and 6: Following lengthy discussion Members RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Committee Clerk works in liaison with the R.F.O to create a Climate and Energy hub on the DTC website, with links, aiming to complete within 3 months. Committee members to assist by sending over appropriate links for inclusion. (P) TT (S) TG. All Agreed. 2. To invite suitable experienced expert organisations to a Full Council meeting to speak about community solar projects within the next quarter. (P) CO (S) AF. All Agreed 3. That the Committee Clerk contacts Kent Wildlife Trust and other potential local providers for information on how they can assist the council in offsetting their emissions and report back to the committee with findings. (P) TT (S) CT. All Agreed. 4. The Chairman of the Committee to liaise with the R.F.O to explore a suitable grant scheme for businesses/schools and strive to report back to the committee in 3 months with a draft scheme. 5. (P) CO (S) BB. All Agreed. 	Committee Clerk/RFO Committee Clerk Committee Clerk Chairman/ RFO
7	No Idling Campaign: Members RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To delegate authority the Committee Clerk in liaison with the Chairman to identify and agree hotspots and information points to display banners / boards / posters including the Deal Waste Recycling Centre, Level Crossing, Sainsburys and Aldi Car Parks. Committee members to assist by sending over additional suggested hotspots for inclusion. 	Committee Clerk/ Chairman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To delegate authority to the Committee Clerk in liaison with the R.F.O to purchase the required banners/boards/posters and deliver to the agreed display areas. (P) CO (S) AF. All Agreed 	Committee Clerk/RFO
8	Air Quality Monitoring Project: Members RESOLVED: To request that the Committee Clerk contacts the Primary Schools in all 3 wards and Goodwin Academy to inform them that DTC are conducting air quality monitoring and ask if they have any member of staff/pupils who, if appropriate, would volunteer to carry out the monitoring outside their schools in the morning drop off and afternoon collection times. (P) TT (S) AF. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
9	DDC Climate Change Officer Update: Cllr Beer in her role as a District Cllr on the DDC Climate Change working group advised members of some of the actions that they were taking relating to DDC housing stock. Members RESOLVED: To note the report and the Chairman to write to DDC requesting further information relating to the work that the working group are doing. (P) TT (S) CO. All Agreed.	Chairman
10	Sainsburys & BT Exchange – Urban Area Planting Update: Members RESOLVED: The Chairman, in liaison with the Committee Clerk, to write a letter to BT expressing the committee's disappointment in the response that was received and to send a copy of the letter to the BT Chairman. To request a report from the DTC planting contractor and to write to Sainsburys to ask if they can provide more planting. (P) TT (S) CO. All Agreed.	Chairman/ Committee Clerk
11	i-Tree training update: Members RESOLVED: The Committee Clerk to contact all those who attended the i-Tree training to see if they are available to continue surveying the outstanding plots including those outside of the Deal wards in order to complete the report. Cllr Oliver advised that she is willing to lead a refresher meeting with them via Teams. (P) CO (S) TT. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
12	Council Planting Update: Following debate members RESOLVED: To note the report and request that the sustainable planting team identifies suitable sites in the Mill Hill area and reports back to the next meeting. (P) CO (S) AF. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
	Closing Remarks: The Chairman thanked the Cllrs, Officers and Co-Opted members Sharon Danby and David Carey for all their work on the Environment Committee throughout the municipal year and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.	

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr C Turner, Chairman of the Environment Committee; Members of the Environment Committee
From: Laura Marney - Committee Clerk
Date: 7th June 2022
Subject: Air Quality Monitoring Project Update

At the Environment committee meeting on 11 April members considered a report from the Town Clerk and R.F.O, advising the air quality monitoring results that had been obtained by the mayor's secretary for monitoring the air in school commuter routes during peak times as requested by committee. All the results received were moderate to low – please see overleaf.

The report included four recommendations on it which were:

- Based on the readings for the air quality on the school commuter routes from 8.00am – 9.00am, which are Low to Moderate during those specified times, members to consider if they want to continue to obtain readings for 3.00pm – 4.00pm on the same routes.
- Members to consider air monitoring outside the gates of the Deal Primary Schools 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-4.00pm.
- Members to consider other necessary areas for monitoring.
- Should the committee decide to continue with this project, members to consider who will undertake this work, the monitoring was not in the remit of the Project Officer.

Members considered the information and **RESOLVED:** *To request that the Committee Clerk contacts the Primary Schools in all 3 wards and Goodwin Academy to inform them that DTC are conducting air quality monitoring and ask if they have any members of staff/pupils who, if appropriate, would volunteer to carry out the monitoring outside their schools in the morning drop off and afternoon collection times.*

Update: I have contacted all the primary schools in the 3 wards of Deal including Goodwin Academy Secondary School. To date only one school has responded; St Mary's Catholic primary school, and they have stated that their staff/pupils are interested in taking part in the Air Quality Monitoring project.

I will be arranging with the Mayors Secretary to meet with St Mary's Catholic primary school to show them how to use the Air Quality equipment.

Decision required: Members to consider if any further actions are required before closing this project.

Data included in previous report

Air Quality Monitoring Results

Date	Location	Average PAQI over 10-minute period around Peak time	Peak Time
7 th February 2022	St Richard's Road	28 Moderate	09:04
7 th February 2022	Wilson Avenue	22 Moderate	08:57
7 th February 2022	Middle Deal Road / Manor Road	17 Low	08:50
7 th February 2022	Middle Deal Road	12 Low	08:36
2 nd February 2022	Mill Road / St Richard's Road	31 Moderate	09:01
2 nd February 2022	A258 Deal Castle	20 Low	08:55
2 nd February 2022	Mill Road / St Richard's Road	19 Low	08:41

PAQI

PAQI is the abbreviation for Plume Air Quality Index. As the name suggests, this is an indicator that allows us to assess the air quality as a whole with a single value.

The purpose of an AQI is to show pollution levels in a way that allows us to quickly understand the impact exposure will have on our health.

Not all pollutants have the same effect on health at the same concentration. For example, benzene is carcinogenic from concentrations as low as 1 µg / m³, but ozone does not begin to have significant effects until 100 µg / m³.

An AQI brings together the concentration values (expressed in µg / m³) of all these different pollutants in relation to the impact they have on health. Thus, the higher the value of the AQI, the more polluted the air and the greater the health risk. On the other hand, a low AQI means fresh air and a low health impact.

The Plume Labs AQI has seven levels of pollution, or thresholds. These thresholds are linked to the exposure limits outlined by the World Health Organisation. Each category represents the amount of time it is safe to spend in that level of pollution. For example: one year (PAQI < 20), one day (PAQI < 50), one hour (PAQI < 100).

In practice, this means that if an individual's average daily exposure exceeds 50 Plume AQI, they may start to experience negative health impacts.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor C Turner– Chairman of the Environment Committee, Committee members

From: Paul Bone – Deputy Town Clerk

Date: 8 June 2022

Subject: i-Tree Eco Survey Progress Report

Treeconomics have kindly looked at aerial imagery of the 95 plots that still required surveying to identify those plots that could be dropped from the list as they appear to have no cover or only shrub cover.

This reduces the list to 54 that sub-divides as follows:

Deal Wards	Dense tree cover	Some tree cover	Total
Mill Hill	4	5	9
North Deal	2	6	8
Middle Deal/Sholden	2	3	5
		Total	22

Wards outside Deal	Dense tree cover	Some tree cover	Total
Eastry	4	6	10
Ringwould	5	14	19
Walmer	0	3	3
		Total	32

Currently the committee has no volunteers remaining that were covering the non-Deal wards.

Recommendation

- 1) That the remaining plots outside of the Deal wards are removed from the list.
- 2) That the committee members/co-opted members trained to do the surveying commit to completing the remaining 22 plots in the Deal area during the summer period, or these are dropped from the list.
- 3) Treeconomics are asked to update and finalise the dataset using just the aerial imagery data they have already carried out

Decision Required

Members to consider the above recommendations

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr C Turner - Chairman of the Environment Committee, Committee Members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 9 June 2020

Subject: Committee Clerk's Report

Please see below updates for information only

Carbon Reduction Strategy/Action Plan Update

The R.F.O has advised the council is currently on target regarding the action plan for this year. He will provide a full progress report for the Environment Committee meeting in August.

No Idling Campaign Update

As previously advised Sainsbury's confirmed that they would allow posters to be displayed in their car park.

I have contacted Aldi Customer Services who advised that I visit the Deal Store direct and speak to the Store Manager, I did this and met with the Manager who stated their company policy is the store should be minimalist and they would not be able to display any posters/banner. However, I have been advised by the R.F.O that in 2019 when the store was built, Aldi Property Services had agreed that Deal Town Council could have a Council notice board on their site to replace the one that was previously there when it was the Co-op store. I have discussed this with the R.F.O and he has agreed to follow this up with Aldi Property Services.

With regards to placing posters/banners at Deal Waste Recycling and the Level Crossing I have contacted both KCC and Southeastern and am awaiting a response.

I will report back to next Environment meeting when more information has been received from all the above agreed hotspot locations.

Climate Energy Hub Update

I have collated all the links that have been received from Councillors and will ensure they are uploaded onto the current page on the council's website. Further work on the website regarding the Environment will be undertaken when staff time allows.

Solar Energy Speaker Update

Councillor C Oliver provided me with a contact regarding Community Solar projects which was, Penny Shepherd from Orchard Community Energy, she is also Vice-Chair of Kent Community Energy. I have contacted her with an invite to come and speak to a Full Council meeting about Community Solar Projects. She is very keen to speak at a Full Council meeting, but for personal reasons will not be available until November 2022 at the earliest.

I have advised the Town Clerk and will contact Penny Shepherd nearer the time to confirm details.

DTC – Carbon Offsetting Update

As requested by committee I have contacted the Kent Wildlife Trust and Re-generation earth regarding the Council offsetting their carbon emissions and to date am waiting for information from these local providers

I will report back to the Environment committee meeting when information is received.

Grant Scheme Update

The R.F.O is currently in liaison with the Chairman of Committee to explore a suitable grant scheme for businesses/schools and will strive to report back to the Environment Committee in August.

Mill Hill Planting

The planting team are now focusing on suitable locations and sites for additional planting at Mill Hill. There are some possible opportunities that they are looking into and a full report will be brought to the August Environment Committee meeting.

Sainsburys Planting & BT Exchange update

At the April Environment committee meeting members RESOLVED: The Chairman, in liaison with the Committee Clerk, to write a letter to BT expressing the committee's disappointment in the response that was received and to send a copy of the letter to the BT Chairman. To request a report from the DTC planting contractor and to write to Sainsburys to ask if they can provide more planting.

I can advise that I have contacted Sainsburys to ask if they will consider providing any further additional planting to the plans they have already put in place, to date no response has been received. I will also be liaising with the Chairman of the Committee to ensure a letter is sent to the BT Chairman.

In addition to this I have contacted the community group "Deal with it" to ask if they would consider planting the outside area of the BT Exchange.