



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE – 9 MEMBERS

1. To exercise the powers and duties of the Town Council on the following highways and transportation and where appropriate, submit proposals to the responsible authority further to engagement with Highways England, Kent County Council and Folkestone & Hythe District Council:
 - a) Cycling and cycle ways
 - b) Community transport
 - c) Public rights of way, footpaths and bridleways
 - d) Traffic and Parking
2. To exercise the powers and duties of the Town Council on the physical environment of the town further to engagement with all associated stakeholders, including:
 - a) Management of open spaces and common land
 - b) Public Parks, Gardens (inc. Community Gardens), Recreation and Pleasure Grounds (inc. Tree Planting and Flowerbeds with associated carbon emission compensation strategies)
 - c) Provision of play equipment, sports and recreation facilities
 - d) Allotments (inc. biodiversity development plan and establishment of 'bug hotels')
 - e) Engagement with Allotments Associations
 - f) Implementation and monitoring of the council's action plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2030
 - g) Climate & Environment Communications with Community Partnership Working
 - h) Plastic Free Folkestone
 - i) Folkestone Fairtrade Status
 - j) Beaches and Harbour – Engage with relevant stakeholders including Southern Water and the Harbour Company
3. To consider and make recommendations on:
 - a) Support for projects and organisations in Folkestone which aim to: promote biodiversity and wildlife habitats, improve air quality, support renewable energy generation
 - b) Litter Management (via schemes such as 'Keep Folkestone Beautiful Campaign')
 - c) Climate Change / Action Plan and Carbon Reduction Strategy
 - d) Facilities and engagement for young people
4. To prepare budgetary forecasts, where necessary, on any of the above activities for inclusion in the Town Council's budget for the following financial year and submit these to the Finance and General Purposes Committee in the Autumn to calculate the precept for the ensuing year.
5. To consider and make recommendations to the Council on any changes to these terms of reference that might be required to enable the committee to adapt to changing circumstances and be better prepared to carry out its mission.