



COMMUNITY, CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE – 12 MEMBERS

Purpose

To oversee and develop matters relating to community wellbeing, climate action, the natural and built environment, transport, culture, leisure and local services, and to make recommendations aligned with the Town Council's strategic objectives.

1. Finance & Governance

- Prepare budget forecasts for all Committee activities for submission to the Finance & General Purposes Committee to support the calculation of the precept for the ensuing year.
- Recommend amendments to these Terms of Reference where required.

2. Highways & Transport

Exercise Town Council powers in relation to:

- Ferry, bus and rail matters; bus shelters and related infrastructure.
- Cycling, community transport, rights of way, traffic and parking (in consultation with Highways England, KCC and FHDC).

3. Environment, Community & Local Services

Exercise Town Council powers in relation to:

- Local projects including horticulture, leisure, sport, recreation and Christmas lighting.
- Arts, libraries, education and health initiatives.
- Community safety (CCTV, Community Resilience Plan), including preparedness and response to climate-related risks and emergencies.
- Employment, skills, economic development and markets.
- Public conveniences, Folkestone Museum and Visitor Information Services.
- Car parking, public clocks, seating, street cleansing and youth facilities.
- Events, carnivals, communications and tourism.

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- Oversee the Council's responsibilities under the Armed Forces Covenant and ensure fair treatment and support for serving personnel, veterans, and their families.

4. Climate, Environmental and Resilience Responsibilities

Exercise Town Council powers in relation to:

- Open spaces, common land, parks, gardens, recreation grounds and community gardens.
- Tree planting, flowerbeds and carbon-reduction planting strategies.
- Play equipment, sports and recreation facilities.
- Allotments, biodiversity plans, wildlife habitats and associated engagement with Allotment Associations.
- Beaches and Harbour (with relevant stakeholders).
- Delivery, monitoring and review of the Council's Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.
- Environmental communications, partnerships and climate-related community initiatives.
- Plastic Free Folkestone initiatives and the town's Fairtrade status.
- Integration of climate resilience principles into all relevant Council services, projects, planning responses and asset management.

5. Environmental & Youth Initiatives

Make recommendations on:

- Projects supporting biodiversity, air quality, wildlife enhancement and renewable energy.
- Litter management and environmental cleanliness campaigns.
- Climate action, carbon reduction strategies and youth engagement opportunities.