

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

General

The Committee is a Standing Committee governed by the Standing Orders and by regulations. The Town Council will appoint the Committee and determine its composition, quorum, role and functions. The Terms of Reference should be read in conjunction with the Town Council's adopted Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Composition

- a) The Committee will comprise five councillors.
- b) The Committee's Chair will be appointed annually by the Town Council.
- c) The quorum of the Committee will be three members.

Authority

The Committee:

- a) may expend funds within the budgets agreed by the council to fulfil its terms of reference (but not move funds between budgets);
- b) may make recommendations to the Council;
- c) may establish subcommittees and/or working groups that report to the Committee;
- d) is empowered to consult, insofar as it might consider necessary or desirable, any other committee of the Council or with any other Council or outside body or person;
- e) may decide any specific such matters that are delegated to it by the Council from time to time.

Role and Functions

The Committee will meet as and when requirements dictate and at least five times each council year (typically in January, March, June or July, September and November), and have the following role and functions:

- a) To discuss and suggest and seek to implement or assist with community initiatives for local residents that will help biodiversity, lower greenhouse gas emissions, educate and inform within its scope of activity, and build strong community and environmental resilience;
 - b) To share and collaborate with other town and parish councils, community groups and individuals on community environmental and transport projects. and be open to such collaboration;
 - c) To engage with residents by use of Peoples Assemblies or other inclusive methods of outreach, and through the council's regular communication channels, to gain understandings of residents needs and assist with improving the environment;
 - d) To lead on matters concerning Ventnor Park (including strategy, the weather station and tree works, but excluding the toilets, maintenance of existing buildings and the gym, and management of the putting green contract) and other council-owned or managed open spaces within the parish including grounds maintenance, Boniface Fields, management of the allotments, the community orchard, Ventnor beach (excluding beach safety), and floral Ventnor;
 - e) To lead on local transport matters including management of the council's own car parks, and management of the 31-bus route;
 - f) To lead on matters concerning the environment and transport arrangements for Ventnor Town Centre, excluding relations with local businesses;
 - g) To make representations to the Isle of Wight Council on public and road transport, parking and street cleaning matters.
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