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**To All Members of the Environmental and Sustainability Committee:**

**Keynsham Town Councillors:** A Beaumont, D Biddleston, E Cannon, C Leonard,  
H MacFie and A Wait

**Lead Community Organisations:** Richard Prior, Churches Together  
Alan Greenfield

cc. All Other Town Councillors

**Dear Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee**

You are invited to a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 commencing at 6.30 pm in the **TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, 15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham, BS31 1HF**

Signed on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026

By Amanda Hazell, Responsible Finance Officer

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by the exit and proceed to the assembly point: Grassed area past St. Cadoc House, Temple Street.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any Declarations of Interest under Keynsham Town Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019/amended 20 May 2025) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464 and as per Standing Order 3(v).

### **3. DISPENSATIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 13, to consider any requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to the item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself and to receive any disclosures of decisions as per item 7 of Keynsham Town Council's Dispensations Policy and Procedure Guide.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

To receive requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to an individual item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself.

### **4. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

***RECOMMENDATION:***

That the Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. FARMER'S MARKET**

The Farmer's Market dates for October and November are the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2026 and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2026. To note: the Winter Festival is the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

To consider if the Council wishes to be present at the October and November Farmer's Markets.

### **6. ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PRESS RELEASE (attached)**

***RECOMMENDATION:***

- i) That the press release for the Ecological Emergency be received and noted.
- ii) That the Committee recommend to Council to approve the press release.
- iii) To note the update from Cllr Leonard has not been received.

### **7. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PRACTICAL STEPS GUIDE (attached)**

***RECOMMENDATION:***

- i) That the Climate Emergency Practical Steps Guide be received and noted.
- ii) That the Committee recommend to Council to approve the Guide.

### **8. BIODIVERSITY**

The following has been received from Green Council Solutions:

I'm writing now to provide some information on our wildlife biodiversity packages, which I thought may be of interest.

Green Council Biodiversity Solutions supplies ready-to-deliver biodiversity enhancement packages for developers, estate agents, and commercial sites. This includes ready to go biodiversity packages.

#### **Our Packages:**

| <b>Package</b>                                     | <b>Contents</b>                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Hedgehog Highway Kit<br><b>Price</b> £120          | 2x houses + 2x tunnels                 |
| Bird & Bat Box Bundle<br><b>Price</b> £140         | 4x bird boxes + 2x bat boxes           |
| Complete Biodiversity Package<br><b>Price</b> £180 | 2x Houses, 2x bird boxes, 2x bat boxes |

Custom Packages tell us your requirements.

#### ***RECOMMENDATION:***

- i) To receive and note the information received from Green Council Solutions.
- ii) To decide whether the Council requires any of the offers.
- iii) To present to Finance and Policy if any of the offers are required for authorisation.

## **9. SOLAR POWER**

We have received the following from a Keynsham resident:

We've just come back from a holiday in Portugal and were struck by a great means of keeping cars cool while generating solar power by placing solar panel canopies above car parking spaces. It worked really well so I thought it was something that the town council might like to consider within future planning.

#### ***RECOMMENDATION:***

- i) To receive and note the information received from a resident.
- ii) To consider whether to pass this onto B&NES.

## **10. TREE PLANTING SUPPORT AND FUNDING**

The following has been received from the Avon Wildlife Trust:

As part of the creation of the [Western Forest](#), we are offering advice, support and funding options to farmers, land-owning businesses, community groups and local councils who are interested in planting trees on their land.

Free advice and support on offer:

- Site visit and walk over

- Design of tree planting scheme to support existing agricultural uses, or public/community needs as appropriate
- Review of funding options and support accessing funding if required
- Support with sourcing reputable trees and contractors as required
- Long-term management plan to support tree establishment and overall success of the scheme

This service is free, intending to make it as easy as possible for landowners to plant the right trees in the right place, benefitting farm businesses, communities and nature.

Examples of planting types we can help you create:

- **Wood pasture or wood meadow:** Providing livestock with shade and shelter, reducing heat stress and creating a resilient environment for increasingly warm summers.
- **Fruit and nut trees in arable fields:** Diversifying crop production and improving soil quality, which reduces the impacts of drought, flooding and wind erosion and helps tackle nitrate runoff.
- **Hedgerows:** New hedgerows provide shelter for livestock and cross-slope planting can reduce runoff. The hedges also act as corridors for wildlife and can be coppiced for fuel.
- **Orchards:** Creating additional crop income streams or community benefit. Orchards can also be combined with grazing systems, with the trees providing shade and shelter for animals.
- **Shelterbelts:** Woodlands can be strategically planted to act as shelterbelts to reduce wind effects, or riparian buffers alongside watercourses to capture sediment and nutrients from adjacent fields.
- **Field corners/copses and woodland:** Planting in less-productive areas can benefit wildlife as well as creating a potential income stream through timber production.

We would appreciate it if you could share this with local farmers, landowners and community groups, and if your parish owns or manages land and you would like to discuss the possibility of tree planting, please do get in touch.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- To receive and note the information received from Avon Wildlife Trust.
- To decide whether the Council requires support with tree planting.
- To instruct Officers to send the information to local farmers, landowners and community groups.

## 11. BRITISH GAS ZERO CARBON CERTIFICATE (attached)

We have received the attached certificate from British Gas for zero carbon for electricity.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To receive and note the certificate received.

## 12. 2027/2028 BUDGET

To put forward a budget to Finance and Policy. Below is this year's budget and spend to date:

|      |                              | Actual<br>Current<br>Mth | Actual<br>Year<br>To Date | Current<br>Annual<br>Bud | Variance<br>Annual<br>Total | Funds<br>Available |
|------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 107  | ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY |                          |                           |                          |                             |                    |
| 1067 | Keynsham Re-Loved Event      | 0                        | 0                         | 100                      | 100                         |                    |
|      |                              | 0                        | 0                         | 100                      | 100                         |                    |
| 2100 | Community Events             | 0                        | 0                         | 1500                     | 1500                        | 1500               |
| 2102 | Marketing and Communications | 0                        | 0                         | 500                      | 500                         | 500                |
| 2103 | Virtual Energy Conference    | 0                        | 0                         | 500                      | 500                         | 500                |
| 4414 | Wildflower Planting          | 0                        | 124                       | 200                      | 76                          | 76                 |

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- i) To receive and note this year's budget and spend figures.
- ii) To devise a budget for E&S for the financial year 2027/28.
- iii) To report the budget to Finance and Policy Committee.

### 13. THERMAL IMAGER

Now that the summer is over the Officers will advertise the thermal imager and start taking bookings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To receive and note the information regarding the thermal imager.

### 14. ROOFTOP REVOLUTION

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Wait.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To receive and note the update.

### 15. KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT PLAN (attached)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- i) To receive and note the attached KTC Environment and Sustainability Project Plan.
- ii) Cllr Leonard to return updated plan to meeting.
- iii) To decide on an item to start work on.

### 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*To note that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026 at 6.30 pm in the Town Council Office.***