



## XVII TERMS OF REFERENCE CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

### 1. Objectives

- i. To discuss ways for the Town Council to respond to the climate and biodiversity crisis, and to support the Isle of Wight Council's Net Zero targets, with a view to bringing recommendations to the Neighbourhood, Place and Planning Committee.
- ii. To consult with stakeholders and local residents regarding Climate and Biodiversity planning and proposals.
- iii. To consider solutions to outside influences such as pollution and waste which may have an effect on Climate and Biodiversity issues.
- iv. To negotiate on behalf of Ryde Town Council with relevant agencies involved in the decision making process.

#### **The working Group will also continue to be mindful of the need to:**

- i. Bring any recommendations to a Neighbourhood, Place and Planning meeting for consideration.
- ii. Consider and assess the budgetary implications of all recommendations as part of the budget setting process.
- iii. Consider the Town Councils Contract Standing Orders in relation to procurement in any recommendations going forward.

### 2. Membership

A maximum of 5 Ryde Town Councillors with additional support, as and when required, from members of the public, representatives of local environmental groups or representatives from other town and parish councils.

### 3. Election of Chair

Chair to be elected at the commencement of each meeting. The committee should endeavour to circulate the position of chair amongst the members where ever possible.

### 4. Quorum

No less than 2 Council Members but a minimum of 3 Committee members are required to attend to qualify as quorate.

### 5. Parent Committee

Neighbourhood, Place and Planning Committee.

### 6. Meeting Frequency

Quarterly or as otherwise agreed by the committee members.