



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2HG

To all Members of Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Committee (CBEC)

Chair	Cllr A Bayliss
Vice-Chair	Cllr C Matthes
Councillors	Austin, Banfield, Bridge, Miller, Waters, Weatherburn, Weldon

30th September 2025

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Committee (CBEC) will be held on **Tuesday 7th October 2025** at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High St, Haslemere and you are hereby summoned to attend such meeting.

Members of the press and public are entitled to attend this meeting and are encouraged to.

Mrs Lisa O'Sullivan
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies from Members.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive from members, declarations of interest in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, in accordance with the Haslemere Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

APPENDIX 1

The minutes of the meeting held 3rd June 2025 were noted by Full Council on 17th July 2025. Chair to sign.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES

To consider matters arising from those Minutes and to receive a report from the Chairman regarding actions requested. This is for information sharing only, not for decision making.

5. CBEC AND HTC OPERATIONS

- i. Carbon neutral roadmap (previous version circulated prior to meeting).

This methodology was used to make significant changes, such as changing our energy provider, installing a heat pump at the Town Hall and solar panels on the high street conveniences. Committee to consider an update for 2025 and any further actions to be taken. A future review date to be scheduled.

- ii. Standard tender document clause. It is thought that tendering is in use which respects environmental issues, such as the recent playground equipment project. However, should we explicitly say this as a standard clause in tendering?

6. INTERACTION WITH THE COMMUNITY

- i. Community knowledge sharing and promotion.

The original CBEC documents included working with the wider community. This has been done recently, for example when Town Hall staff surveyed local businesses. Could this be wider? e.g. a how to be sustainable in Haslemere guide with links, perhaps a map showing EV charging points etc.

7. BIODIVERSITY

i. Allotments.

Tenancy agreements are similar across the country, such as mandating that the majority of the plot should be cultivated for food. However, there is scope to add encouragement, such as adding insect habitat, collecting rainwater, reducing chemical use or promoting native wildflowers while also stating that the overall site should be in a good state of cultivation. Committee to discuss and potentially forward agreed suggestions to the Amenities committee.

ii. Wildlife on current and future Town Council land.

The SANG provides a good example of how to develop management of new land assets. Should we have a broad statement? e.g. the land should be managed in such a way as to increase biodiversity and wildlife abundance in parallel with the primary use, such as a playing field.

iii. Biodiversity Net Gain.

BNG credits can be sold to developers who are offsetting negative impacts elsewhere. It is possible that the council could sell units on land it owns which would fund biodiversity improvements on that land. This can be complex, but should we seek opportunities to be a BNG supplier of sites?

8. STAFF IMPACT

The committee to consider if any tasks are out of the remit of town hall officers or whether additional tasks which cannot reasonably be asked, to build a case for additional staff.

9. GREEN GRANTS

Committee to note that since the last meeting, the Chair and Clerk approved, under delegated authority, an application from Love Haslemere Hate Waste for £495. This money will be used to add additional items to their 'library of things'.

10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – BRIEF UPDATES

To receive updates from councillors.

**** End of Agenda ****