

**Minutes of the Environment and Sustainability Committee  
27 January 2026**

**Present:**

Councillor J.A. Turner (Chair)  
Councillor J.R. Boughtflower (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

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|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| L. Barker    | J.P. Caplin | K.M. Grant      |
| M. Bing Dong | D.C. Clarke | H.R.D. Williams |
| T. Burrell   | S.M. Doran  | P.N. Woodward   |
| J. Sexton    |             |                 |

**Apologies:** Councillor Beecher

**15/25 Disclosures of Interest**

There were none.

**16/25 Environment & Sustainability Committee - Budget, Fees and Charges and Capital Programme for 26/27**

The Committee considered a report that asked it to:

1. Review the draft detailed revenue budget for 2026/27 for the Environment and Sustainability Committee and agree any amendments,
2. Review the draft detailed Capital Programme budget for 2026/27 for the Environment and Sustainability Committee; and
3. Recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to approve the proposed Detailed Revenue Budget and Capital Programme proposals for this Committee.

The Committee asked for officers to provide full details of the benchmarking exercise that had taken place in respect of Outdoor Group Fitness Training Fees.

The Committee requested data with regard to the number of residents using the Garden Waste Service. The Group Head of Neighbourhood Services advise that these figures would be circulated to the Committee.

A recorded vote was requested to consider each recommendation separately.

Recommendation 1:

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| <b>For</b>     | Councillors Turner, Barker, Burrell, Caplin, S Doran, Grant, Sexton, Williams – <b>8 votes</b> |
| <b>Against</b> | <b>0 votes</b>   |
| <b>Abstain</b> | Councillors Boughtflower, Bing Dong, Clarke, Woodward – <b>4 votes</b>                         |

Recommendation 2:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>For</b>     | Councillors Turner, Barker, Burrell, Caplin, S Doran, Grant, Sexton, Williams – <b>8 votes</b> |
| <b>Against</b> | <b>0 votes</b>   |
| <b>Abstain</b> | Councillors Boughtflower, Bing Dong, Clarke, Woodward – <b>4 votes</b>                         |

Recommendation 3:

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|----------------|---|
| <b>For</b>     | Councillors Turner, Barker, Bing Dong, Burrell, Caplin, S Doran, Grant, Sexton, Williams – <b>9 votes</b> |
| <b>Against</b> | <b>0 votes</b>  |
| <b>Abstain</b> | Councillors Boughtflower, Clarke, Woodward – <b>3 votes</b>   |

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Agree the draft detailed Revenue Budget for 2026/27 for the Environment and Sustainability Committee,
2. Agree the draft detailed Capital Programme Budget for 2026/27 for the Environment and Sustainability Committee; and
1. Recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to approve the proposed Detailed Revenue Budget and Capital Programme proposals for this Committee.