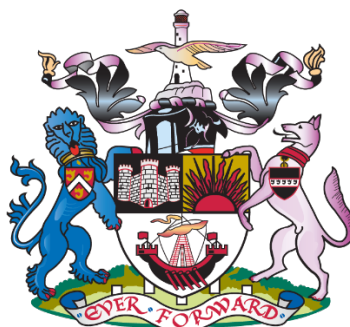




WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Meeting Commenced: 7.02 pm**Meeting Concluded:** 7.39 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (C), Ray Armstrong, Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz, Marcia Pepperall, Tim Taylor and Richard Tucker (VC) and Gill Bute (S).

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearse (CEO/Town Clerk), Samantha Bishop (Democratic Services Manager), Alison Garner (Democratic Services Officer) and Luke Riviera (a member of the public).

151	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Crew substituted by Councillor Gill Bute and Councillors Catherine Gibbons and John Carson with no substitutions.
152	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
153	Minutes of the previous Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 20th August 2025 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 20th August 2025 had been previously circulated. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Richard Tucker SECONDED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor RESOLVED: That minutes of the 20th August 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.
154	PLANNING Matters for Consideration: None.

155	Matters for Noting: a) Change in appeal procedure APP/D0121/W/25/3365348 – Police Maintenance Depot, Stuart Road, Weston-super-Mare - previously circulated to ward councillors for comment. RESOLVED: Noted b) APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 APP/D0121/W/25/3371091 - 53 Whitecross Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 1EJ - previously circulated to ward councillors for comment. RESOLVED: Noted c) Objection to Planning Application 25/P/0984/FUL - 101 Ebdon Road, Weston-super-Mare – received from a member of the public - previously circulated to ward councillors for comment. RESOLVED: Noted																
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	1758	That the Town Clerk request clarity on the reason and details for the application NEUTRAL – WSM TC.
	RESOLVED: That the Town Council's comments on planning applications discussed be directly uploaded to the 'Uniform' website as part of the system of work requirement by North Somerset Council. This information would also be reflected on the Town Council's website with hyperlink back to North Somerset Council's website for referral purposes.	
	ENVIRONMENTAL The Chair advised that as requested at the previous meeting information on water bills had been circulated. 157 To receive the Report of the Arboricultural Consultant The report had been previously circulated. It was noted that Weston in Bloom had worked hard through the summer and the Committee would like to extend their thanks to them. RESOLVED: That the report of the Arboricultural Consultant be noted.	
	There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.39pm. Signed.....Dated Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee	

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From: 8 September – 14 September 2025

Date Sent: 15 September 2025

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		Grid Ref: E 331932 N 160991			

Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1746/FUL	Police Maintenance Depot Stuart Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 3XN	Erection of 39no. dwellings with associated roads and parking following demolition of existing buildings.	Emma Hawthorne	5 December 2025
		Grid Ref: E 333480 N 160186			
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1770/FUL	5 St Pauls Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 4AB	Alteration to the second-floor layout and installation of front and rear dormers	Catherine Shuker	3 November 2025
		Grid Ref: E 332194 N 160284			
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1782/TRCA	Flat 1 80 Bristol Road Lower Weston-super-Mare BS23 2RS	(T1) Cherry 3 metre reduction. (T2) Holm Oak 3 metre reduction. (T3) Silver Birch 3 metre reduction. (T4) Silver Birch 3 metre reduction.(T5) Silver Birch 3 metre reduction. (T6) Silver Birch 3 metre reduction . (T7) Apple tree 3 metre reduction .(T8) Bay tree 3 metre reduction	James McCarthy	13 October 2025
		Grid Ref: E 332547 N 162095			
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1783/TRCA	42 Montpelier Weston-super-Mare BS23 2RN	(T9) Holly tree 3 metre reduction. (T1) Silver birch whole crown reduction by 3 metres.	James McCarthy	13 October 2025
		Grid Ref: E 332533 N 162064			

Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1791/TRCA	14 Woodland Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 4HF Grid Ref: E 331822 N 159632	T1 - Evergreen magnolia - Reduce to previous points, removing approximately 1.5 meters of growth. T2 - Paper bark birch - Reduce to previous points, removing approximately 1.5 meters of growth. T3 - Paper bark birch - Reduce to previous points, removing approximately 1.5 meters of growth. T4 - Silver birch - Reduce to previous points, removing approximately 2.5 meters of growth.	James McCarthy	14 October 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1825/FUL	147 Coleridge Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 3UN Grid Ref: E 333190 N 159369	Sub division of existing dwelling with widened vehicular access to create 1no. additional dwelling.	Annika Lepoittevin	30 October 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1828/FUH	8 Clarkson Avenue Weston-super-Mare BS22 8EJ Grid Ref: E 334265 N 162130	Demolition of the existing single storey element and proposed erection of a single-storey rear extension and associated alterations to include extending the decking area to the rear private garden.	Catherine Shuker	30 October 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1834/TRCA	16 Ellenborough Park South Weston-super-Mare BS23 1XW Grid Ref: E 331967 N 160724	Sycamore growing through bay laurel - tree fell to ground level (proposed to plant five new Rowan trees along the Walliscote Road boundary to enhance the look of the parking area. Location of new trees are shown in the accompanying supporting document).	James McCarthy	20 October 2025

Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1851/NMA	10 Camp Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 2EN	Non-material amendment to application 19/P/2843/FUL (Demolition of outbuilding and erection of 2no. semi-detached dwellings, including alterations to boundary wall.) to allow for a reduction in the width of the property by 737mm to maintain the position of the western external wall.	Niloofar Abolfazlzadeh	6 October 2025
		Grid Ref: E 330983 N 162348			
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1859/AOC	Grove Park Grove Lane Weston-super-Mare	Request to discharge condition 3 (Construction Environment Management Plan) on application 24/P/2162/R3.	Andrew Stevenson	4 November 2025
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Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1824/FUH	20 Plover Close Weston-super-Mare BS22 8XB Grid Ref: E 335656 N 162082	Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of the existing attached garage to include demolition of the existing partial flat roof and replacement with a pitched roof.	Catherine Shuker	11 November 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1890/AOC	Tropicana Marine Parade Weston-super-Mare BS23 1BE Grid Ref: E 331636 N 160613	Request to discharge conditions 7 (Demolition and Construction Management Plan) and 31 (Demolition and Construction Environmental Management Plan) from application 24/P/2691/R3.	Sally Evans	7 November 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1895/LDP	20 Totterdown Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 4LJ Grid Ref: E 332521 N 159789	Certification of Lawful Development for a Hip-to-gable loft conversion with a rear flat-roof dormer and front rooflight.	Niloofar Abolfazlzadeh	7 November 2025

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Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1898/FUL	1 - 3 New Bristol Road Weston-super-Mare BS22 6AD Grid Ref: E 335059 N 162354	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (plans) attached to permission 24/P/1257/FUL (Proposed erection of a single storey extension to the existing sales building and associated works) to allow for some changes to the approved design to include additional glazing to the shopfront to improve visual appearance and relocation of external condensing units to the rear boundary. Installation of a 2m reflective acoustic fence on the northern boundary and relocation of the existing Amazon locker to the south side of the site and relocated gas cage for improved accessibility.	Catherine Shuker	10 November 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1905/AOC	Cabletec Sunnyside Road North Weston-super-Mare BS23 3PZ Grid Ref: E 332345 N 160664	Request to discharge condition 3 (Construction Method Statement) on application 25/P/1356/FUL.	Niloofar Abolfazlzadeh	11 November 2025

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Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1860/SJA	Bournville Primary Selworthy Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 3ST Grid Ref: E 332922 N 159955	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed installation of around 722no. solar panels (325kWp) on the school roofs	Anna Hayes	19 November 2025
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Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1941/AOC	Weston Rugby Football Club Sunnyside Road North Weston-super-Mare BS23 3PA Grid Ref: E 332435 N 160883	Request to discharge conditions 6 (Phasing Plan), 10 (Surface water strategy), 14 (Remediation Strategy), 16 (Construction Management Plan) and 19, (Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan) on application 21/P/3368/OUT.	Emma Schofield	13 November 2025

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This weekly list sets out what applications have been registered by North Somerset Council within the past week. Local Parish and Town Councils are statutory consultees for the application types listed at appendix 1.

For applications shown in this weekly list, that have a suffix that is listed at appendix 1, we are hereby formally consulting the Town or Parish Council within whose boundaries the application is located (please note the variations to this in the notes beneath the table).

The consultation period for these applications is set by Government and starts from the date we sent this weekly list. The date by which the consultation period ends and by when your comments need to be submitted to us, is confirmed at the top of this page and in the notes to the table at appendix 1. If you will not be able to provide your comments by the date the consultation ends, please contact the case officer to request additional time. If the name of the case officer is not shown, it means the application was not allocated to a case officer when the list was generated. However, you can ask who the case officer is by sending an email to developmenttechnicalsupportteam@n-somerset.gov.uk

For all other application types, that are not listed in at appendix 1, there is no statutory requirement for you to submit any comments to us and your council is not formally being consulted. This means the consultation period set out above does not apply. We have included these applications in this list for your information and your council can, if it chooses to do so, submit comments, which we will endeavour to consider.

Applications with a suffix of AOC are seeking to approve details required by a planning condition. They are not subject to formal consultation and so are not listed at appendix 1. You can submit comments about them but please bear in mind that we are required by Government to determine them as soon as possible and without delay, which means we often make our decisions well before the target date.

Sending your comments

Town and Parish councils can send their comments to North Somerset Council using either of the following options.

Option 1 – Upload via website

Submit your comments using the Make a Comment function on the case file online. Your comments will be shown online immediately, and the case officer will be able to see them. Place the name of your council at the very top of your comments so people know they are from you council.

Options 2 – By email

Send your comments to dmscanningrequests@n-somerset.gov.uk and CC them to the case officer. Your comments will take up to five working days to appear on the website.

Parish	Application Number	Location	Proposal	Case Officer	Target Date
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1896/FUL	5 Alexandra Parade Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QS Grid Ref: E 332035 N 161439	Reconfiguration of first floor residential accommodation to form 4no. flats	Neil Underhay	21 November 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1941/AOC	Weston Rugby Football Club Sunnyside Road North Weston-super-Mare BS23 3PA Grid Ref: E 332435 N 160883	Request to discharge conditions 6 (Phasing Plan), 10 (Surface water strategy), 14 (Remediation Strategy), 16 (Construction Management Plan) and 19, (Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan) on application 21/P/3368/OUT.	Emma Schofield	24 November 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1974/FUL	Atm At 3 Regent Street Weston-super-Mare Grid Ref: E 331760 N 161417	Proposed removal of existing ATM and installation of new folding doors.	Charlotte Hughes	18 November 2025
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1995/FUL	Flat 2, Highbury Court Highbury Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 2DR Grid Ref: E 331345 N 162102	Proposed replacement of 5no. wooden framed double glazed windows to second floor flat with UPVC double glazed units to match the existing style and colour		24 November 2025

Parish	Application Number	Location	Proposal	Case Officer	Target Date
Weston-super-Mare	25/P/1997/FUH	41 South Road Weston-super-Mare BS23 2LX	Proposed conversion of existing attached store and erection of a first floor side extension upon existing detached annexe.		24 November 2025

Grid Ref: E 331499 N 162389

Application types for which Town and Parish Councils are statutory consultees

Suffix	Application type	Suffix	Application type
/ADV	Advertisement Consent ₁	/MW1	Minerals and waste
/FUL	Full planning permission	/MW2	Minerals and waste with EIA
/FU2	Full planning permission and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	/MMA	Minor material amendment
/FUH	Full planning permission - householder	/NMA	Non-material amendment ₂
/OUT	Outline planning permission	/MOD	Modification or discharge s106 Agreement
/OU2	Outline planning permission and EIA	/HZ1	Hazardous Substance Consent (general) ₃
/RM	Reserved matters	/HZ2	Hazardous Substance Consent (vary/remove condition) ₃
/PIP	Permission in Principle ₁	/HZ3	Hazardous Substance Consent (change of control) ₃
/TDC	Technical Details Consent ₁	/HZ4	Hazardous Substance Consent (revocation) ₃
/LBC	Listed Building Consent	/QRU	Crown Development – special urgency
/LBD	Listed Building Consent to demolish	/RLA	Council application - alter listed building
/R3	Council planning application (NSC is the developer)	/R3EIA	Council planning application +EIA (NSC is the developer)
/R4	Council planning application (NSC not the developer)	/R4EIA	Council planning application +EIA (NSC not the developer)
/R32	Council application for advertisement consent (NSC is the developer)	/R42	Council application for advertisement consent (NSC not the developer)
/R43	Council application for demolition in a CA (NSC not developer)	/R33	Council app for demolition in a CA (NSC is the developer)
/R36	Council app for Minerals and Waste (NSC is developer)	/R46	Council app for Minerals and Waste (NSC not developer)
/RLD	Council app to demolish listed building		

Footnotes:

1. The statutory consultation period for Advertisement Consent, Permission in Principle and Technical Details Consent is 14 days. North Somerset Council has increased this to 21 days.
2. Town and Parish Councils are statutory consultees for non-material amendment applications only if they have formally adopted a Neighbourhood Plan.
3. The statutory consultation period for hazardous substance applications is 28 days, which is calculated from the date this list was sent as stated above.

Planning Committee 15TH October 2025

Budget Briefing notes for 2026-2027 budget

Report from the Director of Finance & Resources

1. Purpose and Background of Report

A review of the budget setting process was taken to the Finance & General Purposes on 18th August 2025 whereby it was recommended that during September and October each year that Committees and Sub Committees are to provide recommendations/considerations to budget areas in line with set strategic aims of the council only (having regard for the councils Medium Term Financial Plan). (Available on the council's website)

The following budget areas were reviewed as part of the first draft review for the 2026/2027 budget and identifies income and expenditure that needed consideration against the budgets that were set in 2025/2026.

2. Options for Council

To review the budget report for considerations identified in appendices 1 attached to this report.

Options:

- would be to not consider or recommend any items identified in the attached reports noting that this could affect the ability to run or improve service provisions and current operating models.
- to consider items identified in the attached reports and advise of other items discussed by the committee to be taken into account in the budget setting process.

3. Reason for Recommendation

The items within the attached report have been identified to aid the delivery of the Town Council's strategic plan and to move forward working with partners and community groups through service level agreements and community grants

4. Expected Benefits

Continuation of service delivery

5. Implications

N/A

5.1. Legal

N/A

5.2. Risks

N/A

5.3. Financial Implications

If considerations are not discussed and reviewed costs and income could be overseen which will impact the delivery of services of the Town Council and an incorrect precept value being submitted to North Somerset Council.

5.4. Timescales

For inclusion in the 2026/2027 draft budget recommendation to Finance & General Purposes Committee in December 2025

5.5. Stakeholders

N/A

5.6. Contractors

N/A

5.7. Crime & Disorder (councils have a legal duty to consider impact)

N/A

5.8. Biodiversity (councils have a legal duty to consider impact)

N/A

5.9. Privacy Impact (consider Privacy Impact assessment)

N/A

5.10. Equality & Diversity (councils have a legal duty to consider impact)

N/A

6. Appendices

- 1.Considerations from the Director of Finance & Resources for Community Services budget

7. Members are recommended to:

Consider all of the costs identified within the budget report attached for inclusion in the draft budget for 2026/2027

Helen Morton

Director of Finance & Resources

Drafted 7th October 2025

Appendix 1

Environmental						
Committee	Planning & Environment					
Considered by Committee on: 12/11/2025						
Department	Central Services					
Cost Centre	112					
Code	Expenditure heading	Budget 2025 2026	Budget @ Month 6	Spend %	Year End prediction	Budget 2026 2027
4076	Environmental/Climate *	46,125	3,500	0.3	10,000	41,000
Total Expenditure		46,125	3,500		10,000	41,000
* Tree allowance - £10k new planting & purchase of trees					10,000	
Misc Provision (Road Map - environmental plan - £15k)					15,000	
Community Fridge support £5k (climate initiative)					5,000	
Solar for Museum - £16k					16,125	
					46,125	

Comments

The £46,125 for 2025/2026 where for projects identified for progression during this financial year.

So far this financial year the Community Fridge has moved location and the period 6, as at September 2025, spend figure is for that move only. The other projects listed above will be carried forward for progression in 2026/2027.

8. Roadmap to Zero - Community Fridge Update

August and September 2025

The following stats are from the 'Fridge of Free Stuff' insights collected across August and September 2025.

Type of food received	August & September 2025 Total (KG)
Store-cupboard	358
Sandwiches, toasties, salad meals	139
Cakes, Puddings, Non-bread bakery	282
Meat, dairy, eggs	434
Fruit, veg, bagged salad*	1375
Bread	1154
Other	440
TOTAL:	4182kg

*The largest category of food collected was fruit, veg and bagged salad. This shows us that our efforts to reduce food waste has had a positive impact on healthy eating. On the majority of days that we have food deliveries, we have a large majority of that as fresh fruit and vegetables.

This data has demonstrated the following: (August and September 2025)

Total number of meals redistributed*	9746
Highest weight delivery	191kg
Percentage of food wasted	6.2%
Tonnes of CO2e saved	6.69%

*This data collection has allowed us to understand the impact of the fridge on climate change and the work that we do with local supermarkets and how we help them save 'waste' to redistribute the food that is still fit to consume.

In the last 2 months we've also had 4 new volunteers join our team which has helped with capacity to be able to open 4 days a week. We've also increased our food collections by one store. We now collect from Bakkavor, which provides chilled products to supermarkets. We have also started collecting from ASDA again after they had a 6 month break to update their technology. This takes our collections up to 31 collections per week, across 15 shops and distribution centres.