



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN ENHANCEMENT WORKING GROUP

General

The Town Enhancement Working Group replaced the Open Spaces Strategy Group in 2024, once the goals of the latter had been largely achieved.

The purpose of the working group will be to continue to support the original aims which included developing greater support for volunteer gardening groups whilst developing a better understanding of the vital work carried out by the Technicians on behalf of Town Promotion, and how Council can in turn support the Technicians, in much the same way as the Active Ramsgate Working Group was a liaison and support between the Active Ramsgate Project Manager and the Town Promotion Committee.

Membership, Chairmanship and Quorum

Membership	3 elected members from Ramsgate Town Council (minimum) Lead Technicians (Mrs M Morgan and Mr G Mills) Town Centre and Tourism Manager (Mrs R Smith) Marketing and Communications Officer (Miss K Kelley) Other representatives and experts may be invited to attend meetings as required.
Appointments/Removals from Office	By resolution of Town Promotion Committee (in conjunction with Finance and General Purposes Committee for staffing)
Restrictions on Appointment	None
Quorum	3
Number of ordinary meetings per Council Year	Two meetings a year to start the Summer and Winter seasons. One in March and September.
Chair	To be appointed by the Town Promotion Committee, the Chair should be either a town Councillor or an officer of the Council.
Terms of Reference	Once approved, can be amended as requested by the Group by the Town Promotion Committee.

Terms of Reference

The group will:

- 1) The overall aim is to enhance the environmental aesthetics of Ramsgate, for the benefit of residents, visitors and businesses.
- 2) Undertake and maintain an audit of all open (green) spaces including details of who owns and maintains those spaces, working with Thanet District Council Open Spaces to support grounds maintenance including Palms maintenance, under licence as and where required.

Provide support to Ramsgate Town Council Technicians in promoting the maintenance of the town centre and outlying wards, for example through initiatives such as Facelift Thursday.

- 3) Continue to liaise with existing volunteer groups to identify where Ramsgate Town Council can provide support, including working with volunteer groups to develop a support network. Encourage the development of new volunteer gardening groups.

Budget

- 4) Initial costs will be covered through **existing** staff time, **budgets** and resources.

Notes:

These Terms of Reference were approved by the Town Promotion Committee on the 10th June 2026.