



Amenities Committee

Protect and improve the town's natural environment and public green spaces.
Maintain and preserve Council buildings to serve the community and Town Council workers.

Key Activities:

- Oversee the upkeep and enhancement of all parks and open spaces, ensuring they are safe, clean, and enjoyable for all residents. This includes regular maintenance of playground equipment and pathways.
- Install and maintain hanging baskets and seasonal bedding plants throughout the town to enhance its aesthetic appeal. Regularly cut grass in public areas to keep them tidy and welcoming.
- Maintain two cemeteries, ensuring they are respectful and serene spaces. This includes regular landscaping, grave maintenance, and upkeep of pathways. Provide dignified burial services, including the management of burial plots and coordination with families and funeral directors.
- Conduct regular street cleaning to keep roads and public spaces free of litter and debris. This includes road sweeping and gully emptying to prevent flooding and maintain drainage systems.
- Ensure that public bins are regularly emptied and maintained. Clear reported fly tips and work with partner authorities to reduce fly-tipping.
- Maintain and improve public rights of way, ensuring they are safe and accessible for all users (six routes)
- Ensure the safe and efficient management of 18 buildings including regular inspections to ensure they are safe, functional and accessible. This includes routine repairs, safety checks, and compliance with health and safety regulations.
- Install and maintain Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to monitor and manage traffic speeds in key areas.
- Conduct regular safety inspections of parks and open spaces, including playground equipment and lighting. Ensure that life buoys and other structures are in good condition and readily available.
- Manage the hire of public open spaces for events and activities. This includes coordinating with event organisers, ensuring compliance with regulations, and maintaining the cleanliness and safety of the spaces.

- The management of 10 allotment sites, providing support and resources to allotment holders. This includes maintaining common areas, providing water access, and ensuring security.
- Enhance and maintain the security of public open spaces to prevent unauthorised encampments.

Finance and Corporate Committee

Manage the council's financial health and general administrative functions including staffing matters.

Key Activities:

- Prepare and monitor the annual budget (current budget: £3.9 million).
- Oversee financial audits and reporting, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- Manage council assets and resources, including 18 council-owned properties.
- Develop and implement financial policies to ensure fiscal responsibility.
- Manage recruitment and staffing processes for approximately 60 council employees, oversee staff and member training and development.
- Ensure compliance with employment laws and regulations, including health and safety standards.
- Work closely with the Unitary Authority to organise and manage elections, ensuring all logistical and regulatory requirements are met.
- Facilitate public consultations to gather input from residents on key issues and projects and report the findings from consultations to inform council policies and actions.

Community Services Committee

Enhance the quality of life for Bridgwater residents through community services.

Key Activities:

- Plan and coordinate community events and programs, such as the annual Bridgwater Fair, Fireworks, Christmas lights switch on, family friendly events and summer events in Blake Gardens.

- Address community safety and wellbeing issues in collaboration with other key stakeholders, e.g. Avon & Somerset Police.
- Administer the grant programs to support local organisations and initiatives. This includes evaluating applications, awarding funds, and monitoring the impact of funded projects. (total grants awarded in 2024: £82,606.67 to 33 number of groups and individuals).
- Fund 60 CCTV Cameras within Bridgwater to help deter and detect crime to enhance public safety.
- Manage the Bridgwater Arts Centre and Town Hall theatres as key venues for cultural events and community gatherings. Ensure these spaces are well-maintained and equipped to host a variety of events.
- Work with the Town Team to support local businesses, providing resources, training, and networking opportunities. Promote initiatives that encourage shopping locally and support the local economy.
- Oversee the operation of ReCreation Community Hub, ensuring it provides a welcoming and inclusive space for residents. Offer a range of programs and services, such as fitness classes, educational workshops, and social activities.
- Manage the community pantry, providing access to affordable and nutritious food for residents

Planning and Development Committee

Guide the town's development and planning activities.

Key Activities:

- Review and approve planning applications, licencing and street naming requests (approximately 100 applications).
- Ensure compliance with local and national planning regulations.