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To members of the Environment and Community Committee:

Chair Cllr M Boulay, Cllr O Elliott, Cllr E Hawkins, Cllr G Nuttall, Cllr L Riches, Cllr F Schoofs, Cllr J Towns, Cllr J Whelan

A meeting of the Environment and Community Committee will be held on **Tuesday 27th October 2026** at **6.30pm** (or at the close of the meeting preceding it) in Court Garden House, Pound Lane, Marlow, and you are hereby summoned to attend:

Signed: *Hilary Martin* Town Clerk | Date 22.10.2026

Agenda

Public forum

EC.22.26	**Apologies for absence**	Decision
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EC.22.26 Apologies for absence

EC.23.26 Declarations of interest

EC.24.26 Committee minutes

Recommended:
That Committee approve the minutes dated 18.08.2026.

EC.25.26 River Water Testing

Background:
The River Water Testing group has been discussing options and fact finding and is now ready to take the next step in this project. Members are asked to approve running a questionnaire with river users and residents to determine the local demand for river water testing.

Recommended:
That Committee
1. Approve the working group, in conjunction with officers, create a questionnaire that will be publicised and hosted on the Council's website.

EC.26.26 Carbon Footprint Report

Please click here for the report.

This report is the Council's first full Carbon Footprint Report, which shows operational emissions of **90 tCO_2e** in 2025/26 (Scope 1: 6.3 t; Scope 2: 1.3 t; Scope 3: 79.6 t).

Recommended:
That Committee:
1. Notes the Carbon Footprint Report 2025/26.
2. Requests officers to identify a suitable offset scheme with a recommendation to come back to this Committee for approval, preferably from a project in the Chilterns or Thames catchment that supports the Council's climate adaptation workstream (flood alleviation, shade, habitat).

Mechanism. The Woodland Carbon Code is the UK government-backed standard for new woodland. Only verified Woodland Carbon Units, each one tonne already removed, can offset current emissions; cheaper Pending Issuance Units are promises of future removal. The Council obtains quotes from registered sellers. Units are tagged to the Council on the UK Land Carbon Registry, retired against 2025/26 emissions and published.

EC.27.26 Volunteering Fair proposed from Cllr Schoofs

Background:
As part of the community theme, I would like to organise a volunteering fair in Marlow in Q1 2027, which follows on from the awareness raising of volunteering opportunities in the community in and around Marlow. The purpose is to showcase our community organisations who are looking for members, volunteers or even Trustees.

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The fair will be organised in collaboration with the West Chilterns Community Board (WCCB), who have run a similar event in Bourne End, with great success. WCCB are committing £250 to this event. The request is that Marlow Town Council matches that budget, which (combined) will be used for hall hire, promotional materials and refreshments. Where possible, promotional materials will be made 'timeless' so that they can be reused in the future.

Recommended:
That Committee

1. Recommend to Council that up to £250 be made available from the Earmarked Reserves Community Fund to support a Volunteer Fair in Q1 2027.

EC.28.26 Information reports

a) Street Angels
The Committee commissioned report can be found here.
Cllr Simnett will report further at your meeting.

b) Cold & warm hubs
Discussions were held with the community organisations on 6th October at the Community Organisations Forum.

Next steps:
Map what exists using the 'Welcoming spaces' tool from Buckinghamshire Council; reach out to the organisations who offered to host cold hubs; estimate the costs to run one cold hub in 2027; circulate the warm hub map to all relevant organisations; add a volunteer stand for manning hubs at the Q1 volunteer fair; continue exploring cold hub locations with local businesses.

Full budgetary proposals to be presented prior to 2026/2027 finalisation

c) Litter
Cllr Hawkins will give a verbal report.

d) Floral dressing review
A contract review has taken place, and a final proposal will be presented to Council at the December meeting.

e) Tree planting
Transition Town Marlow is focusing on Marlow surrounding planting. Cllr Boulay is seeking advice on external charities (Trees for cities) and commercial consultancies (e.g. Ecoflip) on urban tree planting.

Informal stakeholder feedback: concerns over watering and long term tree care.

EC.29.26 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 16th February 2027 at 7pm.

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