



# PAPER B – DUCKS

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POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE

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## 1) Background

At the Policy and Resources Committee of 11 November 2024, it was agreed to:

*Contribute £250 to feeding the ducks at Ventnor Park from the Sustainability and Biodiversity budget. This would be spread over the year as a monthly payment of £20.*

The practical arrangements for feeding the ducks were not determined at that meeting. Ventnor Town Council has sought advice from the RSPB as to the feeding regime. The RSPB responded:

*Due to the ongoing Bird Flu outbreak we're not advising to feed waterfowl however due to them being fed like this for several years, I would recommend beginning to scale back the feeding and gradually reduce the amount and frequency to then stop the feeding altogether if possible. They will still be able to find plenty of food on their own but doing it this way will mean it isn't as sudden.*

## 2) Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

Consider the advice from the RSPB.

