

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 22/088

Committee:-	Council
Date:-	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
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Report Title:-	Appointment to Maplefields Community Association
Wards Affected:-	All Saints

**1. Purpose of Report**

To ask Council to appoint to the management committee of the Maplefields Community Association.

**2. Recommendations**

**Council is recommended** to make an appointment of one person to represent it on the Maplefields Community association for the period until May 2024.

**3. Information**

- 3.1. The Maplefields Community Association is still being formed. It's primary objective at this stage is the completion of the conversion of its property on Britannia Road into a community centre for the benefit of people both in All Saints ward and more widely, for example Brambleside, given the lack of a community facility in that ward. The facility will be open to all Kettering residents and groups.

3.2. The Association is still recruiting members to its management committee and has asked if the council wishes to make an appointment of a member to create a relationship between the Town Council and this association.

3.3. It is anticipated that the commitment would be to attend monthly meetings of the management committee once it is in place, and in its developmental phase, supporting the building refurbishment, decision making, recruitment of volunteers and ideally advocating for the Association, for example on funding opportunities.

3.4. The next meeting of the management committee is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 2.30pm on site in Britannia Rd.

#### **4. Consultation and Engagement**

The Council has been asked for its views.

#### **5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications**

There are no financial commitments entered into as a result of this appointment.

#### **6. Policy Implications**

The 2023-28 Corporate Plan says - *The Council will be an active partner to other statutory, voluntary and commercial organisations working for the benefit of Kettering and its residents; it will engage with local organisations to meet local challenges, to improve the welfare of its citizens and promote their interests*

#### Background Papers

Email exchanges with the Association's promoters Dec 22