

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 2023/096

Committee:-	Council
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Report Title:-	Appointment to Hanwood Park Community Trust
Wards Affected:-	Ise

1. Purpose of Report

To seek a nomination of a member to represent the Town Council on the Hanwood Park Community Trust

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to appoint a member to the new Trust and its shadow board

3. Information

3.1 The original planning permission for Hanwood Park placed a responsibility on the developer to establish a Community Trust which would own and manage all the community land and facilities delivered within the boundary of the Hanwood Park urban extension. This trust would be responsible for grounds maintenance, surface drainage, and communal facilities including playing fields, community centres and pavilions. It would be paid for through an annual levy on the residential properties within the development, which are set out in their deeds.

3.2 Until now, Hanwood park and the other landowning developers have taken on those management responsibilities and are using the levy to defray their costs. They

recognise however that those paying the levy have no say in the levy or how it is used, so they are now moving to set up a trust, which will be in shadow form only to begin with, until all the land is transferred, but which will effectively form the governing body for the development's common assets once it is formed.

- 3.3. The Trust will comprises representatives of the developer, appointees from Kettering Town Council, Barton Seagrave Parish Council and NNC, as well as other key stakeholders such as Groundwork Trust (re the Green Patch) and at least 1 resident for every 500 households. Residents will form a majority of the Trust's membership.
- 3.4. The commitment will be to attend four meetings a year of the Trust and to support other specific activities and projects as appropriate.

4. Consultation and Engagement

The Community Trust terms of reference were agreed in 2020

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

None for the Town Council

6. Climate change implications

An important part of the Trust's role is the maintenance of extensive green spaces, surface water management and the central pond/reservoir on the site, all of which are intended to generate a rich bio-diversity and to contribute to quality of life there.

7. Policy Implications

The Council's corporate plan recognises the role that the Town Council has as a representative body supporting the interests of local people.

Background Papers

Material from Hanwood park
Original ToR of the Trust