

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

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Title of paper	Proposed Ebbsfleet Community Board
Presented by	Ian Piper, Chief Executive Kevin McGeough, Head of Strategy and Placemaking
Sub-committee	Not applicable

Purpose of Paper	
To agree the proposal for a Community Board to support EDC Board and Executive to work with, and for communities in Ebbsfleet Garden City and our impact area.	
EDC Business Plan and KPIs	Matters covered will impact on some or all the priorities within the business plan and associated KPIs
Recommendation	FOR DECISION The Board is asked to APPROVE the proposed approach and format for setting up, and managing the Ebbsfleet Community Board
Annexes	Annex A – Proposal slidepack
Delegation	Not applicable
Financial impact	Not applicable
Legal impact	There are no legal implications associated with this paper.
Stakeholder impact	The proposed Community Board will support how we engage and support local stakeholders.
Sponsor impact	Not applicable

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1. Introduction to a proposed Ebbsfleet Community Board

- 1.1 At the December 2018 EDC Board meeting, members agreed to embed the legacy of the Healthy New Town (HNT) programme into mainstream EDC activity and specifically to continue to build on the legacy of the community building activity which had been funded directly through the NHSE programme.
- 1.2 EDC recognises that it has an important role to support and empower residents, and to actively intervene to develop and sustain strong and resilient communities. EDC Board commissioned EDC officers to consider an appropriate approach and forum to support this ambition.
- 1.3 To support our proposals, EDC carried out extensive community consultation between October 2018 and March 2019, which was reported to Board in their April 2019 meeting.
- 1.4 EDC have also commissioned several studies looking specifically at the role of arts and culture, sports and leisure and civic infrastructure in supporting communities which was discussed by EDC Board at their June 2019 meeting.
- 1.5 The conclusion of the June 2019 EDC pre-Board discussion supported the need for significant EDC investment both in civic infrastructure and the curation of civic life, both of which would in turn support the sustainability of the proposed Ebbsfleet Garden City Trust as it evolves.

2. Proposed Community Board.

- 2.1 Having recognised the importance of the work we do to facilitate community life in Ebbsfleet, EDC Board want to clearly demonstrate that they are giving increasing weight to this area, amongst the range of other physical and more technical aspects of delivering the Garden City vision. To ensure this balance of approach, and to ensure that we engage in a more structured way with the community as it grows, we propose to establish an Ebbsfleet Community Board.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Ebbsfleet Community Board will be to advise the Corporation, both board and executive, on our approach to community building. The group will act as a sounding board for policy making, and a platform for community involvement for other matters such as our investments through the Community Investment Fund. The aim is to ensure that by engaging in a structured way, we support and invest appropriately to build a strong vibrant community in Ebbsfleet.

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2.3 The accompanying slide pack (Annex A) sets out our preferred approach which includes;

- The development of a new '**Community Board**' to support, provide insight and advise EDC Board and EDC Executive.
- Supporting new or existing '**networks of interest**' relevant to Ebbsfleet community building (local people and practitioners)
- Convening or continuing specific **task and finish** groups to support the delivery of specific projects, programmes or workstreams directly or in partnership with EDC (professional input and key stakeholders).

2.4 The proposed Ebbsfleet Community Board (ECB) would create a forum to discuss community activity and proposed civic infrastructure development in the Garden City and surrounding impact area. The proposed terms of reference for the forum are included in Slide 3.

2.5 We propose that the forum should include EDC Board and Executive input, GBC and DBC representatives and local community residents and champions. Slide 4 sets out a suggested approach to membership with up to 13 members, with the greater balance (7 members) being weighted toward local representation.

2.6 It is proposed that the Leader of DBC, Chairs the ECB in the first instance, alternating to the Leader of GBC after an agreed period. Other nominations for DBC, GBC and EDC to be agreed.

2.7 Community members will be recruited through advertisement and interview. Proposals from individuals who are already members of existing or newly formed interest groups, with a proven track record of delivery in the Garden City will be prioritised. Representation from across the geographic areas of Ebbsfleet Garden City will also be encouraged and prioritised.

2.8 It is proposed that the group shall be established by October 2019, meet quarterly, and that the local and community membership be refreshed every 3 years. Members will however be expected to support delivery of programmes, activities and events on an on-going basis.

3. Recommendation

EDC Board is asked to APPROVE the proposed approach to the development and management of the Ebbsfleet Community Board as outlined.