

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

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| Board Meeting Part One |
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| Date of meeting: | 16 October 2019 | Agenda item : | EDC 019/076 |
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| Title of paper | Ebbsfleet Living |
| Prepared by | Ian Piper, Chief Executive Paul Boughen, Community Building Manager |
| Sub-committee | Not applicable |

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| Purpose of Paper and Executive Summary | |
| To update EDC Board on progress and activities related to community building in Ebbsfleet Garden City during September 2019. | |
| EDC business plan and KPIs | Matters covered will impact on some or all the priorities within the business plan and associated KPIs |
| Recommendation | FOR INFORMATION The Board is asked to NOTE the update |
| Annexes | None |
| Delegation | Not applicable |

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| Financial impact | Not applicable. |
| Legal impact | There are no legal implications associated with this paper. |
| Stakeholder impact | Not applicable. |
| Sponsor impact | Not applicable. |

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Community building activities and events during September 2019

1. The EDC Board visited two of the community projects that we have supported via the Community Investment Fund in September; including both the new edible garden space at St Peter and St Paul Church Centre in Swanscombe and Cherry Orchard Primary Academy in Castle Hill. We hope board members enjoyed the visit and certainly our community groups and the school team were very pleased to have met you.
2. In September, the Community Investment fund has released funds in support of a project which will commence shortly in Swanscombe. Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council and the Construction Youth Trust will work with a group of young people from Ebbsfleet Academy to refurbish a community building in the town; raising awareness of careers in construction and supporting those young people to develop new skills. This project is a continuation of a refurbishment project delivered by the Construction Youth Trust in 2018 (pictured below).



3. The Edible Ebbsfleet Network came together for a meeting in September and heard from Gary Stott from the Incredible Edible network. Our edible and community garden projects from Eastgate, Ebbsfleet International, St Mary's Greenhithe, St Peter and Paul Swanscombe and Northfleet were all represented and the group discussed their shared priorities for the network over the year ahead. Representatives from Ebbsfleet International commented that they enjoyed working with EDC and commended the Development Corporation's approach to local collaboration and empowerment.

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4. Following our community events in August and September, we will be engaging with residents on Castle Hill over the end of the year to collaboratively design a new edible and community garden space on Castle Hill (visual below).



5. Works have now commenced delivery of environmental improvements to the communal external areas and the Stonebridge Road entrance to the Wallis Park estate in Northfleet. EDC, Gravesham Council's Housing Dept and One Public Estate secured the funds which are now being allocated on a new entrance way to the estate, clearance of overgrown vegetation (pictured below) and installation of new play equipment; encouraging local young people to keep active.



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Update on Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board

6. Following the discussion at the September Board meeting, a process to recruit community members on to the new board is imminent with a view to holding an inaugural meeting in the New Year, 2020.

Stakeholder updates

7. EDC has presented an update to Southfleet Parish Council. Key topics discussed included- housing delivery, health service provision and innovation, the Highways England A2 junction improvement works and EDC's placemaking work.

Upcoming local events:

8. Maritime Academies Trust (the school operators for the primary school on Ebbsfleet Green) will be running a series of community engagement events on Ebbsfleet Green, to engage with the local community around the new primary school. Their first event will be a teddy bears' picnic on Sunday 13th October.
9. Following intervention by EDC, we have ensured that Henley Camland, who are required to deliver a number of pieces of public art through their planning permission, have agreed to engage appropriately with the local community to developing the next couple of pieces. As a result, the Castle Hill Public Art collaboration event is to be held as an opportunity is for local residents to help develop the next phase of public art for Castle Hill. They will work with a local artist and Groundwork to develop ideas and themes which will shape the artist brief.

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COME ON A
JOURNEY
TO THE
LAKESHORE
with artist Lydia Brockless

Sat Oct 19th 10 -12am

All ages welcome. Meet at Castle Hill Community Centre.
Includes practical involvement & a short walk
Contact carol.unwin@groundwork.org.uk to book on.



10. EDC will host our latest Garden City healthy walk at the end of October, leading a group of residents on a walk between our edible and community garden sites. We'll be taking residents around the Garden City, encouraging healthy eating and physical activity and raising community spirit.
11. "BetterPoints" will be launching a Winter Walking Challenge at the end of October. The challenge will run for 6 to 8 weeks and seeks to gets residents hampers.