



Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board Membership

Information and Application Pack November 2020



What is the opportunity?

- Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) is looking for a number of passionate and enthusiastic residents to join our Community Board. They will help us plan and deliver facilities, activities and events to ensure that Ebbsfleet Garden City is a great place to live, work and visit.
- We are committed to ensure that as our community grows the number of 'things to do', 'places to go', and activities to take part. And we know that when it comes to deciding which events and activities we support, there's nobody better placed than local people to tell us where our priorities should be.
- If you the type of person who has good, creative ideas about building a better community here in Ebbsfleet Garden City and would like to get involved, you could be just the person the Community Board is looking for.
- The Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board was established in February 2020 and currently has 13 members including 7 local residents. We would like to extend the number of resident members further to ensure we include a greater range of local perspectives and ideas.



What will the Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board do?

The Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board will;

- Provide advice, support and insight to the EDC Board in developing an enlightened approach to community events and activities.
- Work with local networks and partnerships that support neighbourhoods across the Garden City and supports the links between new and existing communities.
- Advise EDC on appropriate investment, grants and aid to local groups and projects.
- Work with EDC to attract additional support and match-funding to improve community development at Ebbsfleet Garden City still further.
- Support and advise EDC on the delivery of events and activities to promote a high quality of life for people who live in, work in and visit the Garden City.



How will the Ebbsfleet Community Board work?



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THE ROLE OF MEMBERS:

Members of the Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board will act as a point of contact for local people seeking support for events, activities and facilities in the Garden City. You will advise the EDC Board on community matters and provide a direct local insight.

Members will help the EDC Board, its officers and to deliver activities, consultations and events locally.

Members of the Community Board may have particular experience to bring (perhaps in sports, arts and culture, health, food growing or volunteering or have a specific interest in promoting opportunities for groups of residents such as youth or older people. Alternatively, you may just have bags of common-sense and a great sense of community.

Appointments to the Community Board will be for a 3 year period. We are afraid there is no **remuneration** available for these roles, however we can offer the warm glow of knowing that you are shaping the future of your community and supporting other groups and individuals to do the same.

BOARD EXPECTATIONS:

The Community Board currently has 13 members, including representatives of the EDC Board, Dartford Borough Council and Gravesham Borough Council. The majority of current Members (7) are local residents, and we now want to expand their numbers to ensure we have a wide representation of the community.

We are seeking interest from further residents from all neighbourhoods, ages, genders, tenures, and circumstances. It is your enthusiasm and commitment we are looking for.

As a member of the Community Board your role will be to serve the interests of your community in a fair, and transparent way which includes the interests of everyone.

The minimum age for Members is 18.

The Community Board will meet 4 times a year in the evening at a convenient location within the Ebbsfleet Garden City area. As a Board Member you may wish to spend additional time supporting local events or activities or to contribute to specific working groups.

Who should apply?

Essential for this role

- A passion for delivering a successful community at Ebbsfleet Garden City.
- A willingness to volunteer your time to influence and deliver community activity across the Garden City.
- Determination to become a champion for your community.
- A commitment to working transparently, openly and fairly in your work with the Community Board.
- Independently minded residents who are working for the benefit of the whole community and who do not represent a political party, campaigning group or commercial organisation which may have, or be perceived to have a conflict of interest with this role and the proposed work of the Community Board.

Desirable for this role

- Previous or proven experience in delivering or supporting community activity in your area.
- Experience of volunteering or working within the voluntary sector.
- The ability to generate and develop new ideas which encourage wide community involvement.



How to apply?

If you would like to become a member of the Ebbsfleet Garden City Community Board please:

Write to EDC at address provided below with a 1 page personal statement which outlines;

- Why you would like to join the Community Board
- How you think that your input will add value to the work of the Community Board and EDC.
- What previous experience you have which is relevant to the proposed work of the Community Board.

We will select membership of the community board.

Based on relevance of personal statement

Applicants may be asked to attend an informal discussion in early January subject to Covid 19 guidelines at that time.

Priority will be given to local residents.

If you would like to talk through any of this information before applying, please contact:

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