

## Representation on Ramsgate Charities

<b>Council</b>	12 January 2022
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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Ashbee, Leader of Council
<b>Status</b>	For Decision
<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Ward:</b>	Ramsgate

### Executive Summary:

Council is asked to agree the re-appointment of one of two trustees to “Ramsgate Charities” as one of the incumbent representatives has come to the end of their term.

### Recommendation(s):

1. That Council agrees the appointment of Mrs Cathy Griggs as a representative Trustee of Ramsgate Charities with a four year term of office starting on 20 November 2021 and expiring on 20 November 2025.

### Corporate Implications

#### Financial and Value for Money

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### Legal

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

#### Corporate

There are no corporate implications arising from this report.

#### Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -

- To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

## **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Communities

### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 Thanet District Council has the responsibility to formally make appointments to the “Ramsgate Charities” in accordance with the Scheme of the Charity.
- 1.2 The “Ramsgate Charities” are an amalgamation of several charities which are for the benefit of persons living in the Ramsgate area. The object of the Charity is the relief of poverty in elderly people and people with disabilities or special needs.
- 1.3 The Charity’s Governing Document dates from 24 June 1930 and requires the appointment of the trustees to be approved by the former Borough Council of Ramsgate. Thanet District Council is the successor to the Borough Council of Ramsgate, following the reorganisation of local government in 1972.

### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 A letter has been received from Daniel & Edwards Solicitors stating that Mrs C Griggs terms of office as trustees of Ramsgate Charities expired on 20 November 2021.
- 2.2 The letter from Daniel & Edwards Solicitors indicates that Mrs Cathy Griggs wishes to remain a trustee of Ramsgate Charities.
- 2.3 If the Council agrees to re-appoint Mrs C. Griggs for another four year term as a representative trustee of Ramsgate Charities, then it would be most appropriate to backdate the start date of her term of office to 20 November 2021 ending on 20 November 2025.
- 2.4 For information, the other council representative is Mr J.R. Wood whose term of office was renewed to start from 21 January 2019 and expires on 21 January 2023.

### **3.0 Options**

- 3.1 The Council agrees to re-appoint Mrs C Griggs for another four year term as a representative trustee of Ramsgate Charities and to backdate the start date of her term of office to 20 November 2021 and ending on 20 November 2025; or that

3.2 The Council appoints a different person to represent TDC on the Ramsgate Charities for a term of office of four years backdated to 20 November 2021.

**Annex List**

None

**Background Papers**

None

**Corporate Consultation**

**Finance:** Chris Blundell, Director of Finance.

**Legal:** Estelle Culligan, Director of Law and Democracy.