

Representation on Ramsgate Charities

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| Council | 22 February 2024 |
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| Portfolio Holder | Councillor Everitt, Leader of Council |
| Status | For Decision |
| Classification: | Unrestricted |
| Key Decision | No |
| Ward: | Ramsgate Wards |

Executive Summary:

Council is asked to agree the appointment of two of three trustees to “Ramsgate Charities” as one of the incumbent representatives has come to the end of their term and the other would be additional to the original number of representatives.

Recommendation(s):

1. That Council agrees the appointment of Barbara Kail and Tonya Curry as the representative Trustees of Ramsgate Charities with a four year term of office starting on 6 December 2023 and expiring on 6 December 2027.

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.

Risk Management

There are risks 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: -

1. To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
2. To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
3. To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

No implications arise directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

It was important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration has been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- To create a thriving place
- To work efficiently for you

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 An email was received from Mrs Catherine Griggs, Representative Trustee requesting Thanet District Council to consider the Charities' two nominations that they wished to be considered as the new trustees for a four year term of office starting on 6 December 2023.
- 2.2 If the Council agrees to appoint Ms Barbara Kail and Ms Tonya Curry for a four year term as representative trustees of Ramsgate Charities, then it would be most appropriate to backdate the start date of their term of office to 6 December 2023 ending on 6 December 2027. Of these two new appointees, one would replace Mr JR Wood (who resigned at the end of 2022), whilst the other would be an additional trustee to the Charity, which would now have two co-optees and three representatives.
- 2.4 For information, Mrs Catherine Griggs's term of office as a trustee of Ramsgate Charities expires on 20 November 2025.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 The Council agrees to appoint Ms Barbara Kail and Ms Tonya Curry for a four year term as a representative trustees of Ramsgate Charities and to backdate the start date of their term of office to 6 December 2023 ending on 6 December 2027, or that
- 3.2 The Council appoints different persons to represent TDC on the Ramsgate Charities for a term of office of four years backdated to 6 December 2023.

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Annex List

None

Background Papers

None

Corporate Consultation

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