

Appointment to an Outside Body - Maidstone Relief in Need Charities

Final Decision-Maker	Democracy Committee
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Classification	Public
Wards affected	All

Executive Summary

Councillor Daley's term of office as a nominative trustee of the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities is due to expire this month. Councillor Daley has indicated that he is willing to serve a further term of office as a nominative trustee.

This report makes the following recommendations to this Committee:

1. That Councillor Daley be re-appointed as a nominative trustee of the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Democracy Committee	14 March 2018

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Councillor Daley's term of office as a nominative trustee of the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities is due to expire this month. Councillor Daley, who is currently the Chairman of the trustees, has indicated that he would be willing to serve another 4 year term of office as a nominative trustee.
- 1.2 All Members were given the opportunity to send in a nomination. Other than Councillor Daley, there have not been any further nominations received.
- 1.3 A meeting of the trustees is due to take place in April and it is therefore important that an appointment is made prior to that meeting.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Committee could decide to do nothing but this would mean that the meeting in April might be inquorate and this could have potentially adverse consequences for any applications from vulnerable persons due to be discussed.
- 2.2 The Committee could re-appoint Councillor Daley as one of the Council's nominative trustees. This option is recommended to enable continuity.
- 2.3 The Committee could choose to nominate an alternative person to serve as a nominative trustee. However, no other nominations have been received.

PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To re-appoint Councillor Daley would ensure continuity for the Charities.

RISK

- 4.1 If the Council does not make an appointment to this Charity, which is administered by the Council, there could be reputational damage and if the Charity cannot meet, this could mean that applications for assistance cannot be considered.
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CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 5.1 All Councillors were informed of this vacancy and invited to submit a nomination.

NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 6.1 Should the recommendation be approved then Councillor Daley will be re-appointed for another four year term of office and the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities will be informed of this decision.

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Impact on Corporate Priorities	We do not expect the recommendation will by itself materially affect the achievement of the corporate priorities.	Democratic Services Officer
Risk Management	There is a risk that should the Council not appoint to the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities this could have adverse consequences on future applications from vulnerable persons who are seeking financial assistance. However, this risk is well within the Council's risk appetite and does not need to be added to the Council's risk register.	Democratic Services Officer
Financial	There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.	Democratic Services Officer
Staffing	There are no staffing implications.	Democratic Services Officer
Legal	There are no legal implications unless the circumstances of the Charity change.	Democratic Services Officer
Privacy and Data Protection	There are none.	Democratic Services Officer

Equalities	There are none.	Democratic Services Officer
Crime and Disorder	There are none.	Democratic Services Officer
Procurement	There are none.	Democratic Services Officer

REPORT APPENDICES

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None