

Council Meeting	Agenda Item:
Meeting Date	16 December 2015
Report Title	Membership on outside bodies- Queenborough Fishery Trust and the Swale Recreation Trust
Cabinet Member	Cllr Andrew Bowles, Leader
SMT Lead	Mark Radford, Director of Corporate Services
Head of Service	N/A
Lead Officer	Katherine Bescoby, Democratic Services and Elections manager
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Forward Plan	Reference number:
Recommendations	1. Councillor Ken Pugh be reappointed as one of the two Council representatives on the Queenborough Fisheries trust and Swale Recreation Trust for a four year term expiring on 31 January 2020.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out a request from the Queenborough Fisheries Trust and the Swale Recreation Trust to reappoint Cllr Ken Pugh as one of the two council representatives on both trusts for a further four year term to 31 January 2020.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the revised administrative arrangements for both trusts were reported to and agreed by Council on 18 February 2015 (Minute 507/02/2015).
- 2.2 These arrangements included revised appointment arrangements to these outside bodies effective from the start of the civic year 2015/2016. At the Annual Council meeting held on 20 May 2015 the Council agreed the following nominations to the trusts:
- Cllr Ted Wilcox until 31 January 2018
 - Cllr Ken Pugh until January 2016

The new administrative arrangements mean that for both Trusts the Council only have two nominative trustees as opposed to the previous arrangement where all

trustees (seven) were appointed by the Council. There are now two trustees appointed by Queenborough Town Council and six co-optative trustees. This ensures both more local and wider community involvement and is more in keeping with the objects and purposes of the Trusts. It should be noted though that the Council no longer control either of these Trusts.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The Trustee Board has asked that the Council reappoint Cllr Ken Pugh for a further four year period expiring on 31 January 2020. This ensures continuity of membership at a time when the trust will be appointing a number of co-optative trustees and wishes to preserve experience.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 The Council could choose not to appoint a trustee but this would only further erode the Council’s involvement in trusts that have a significant importance and impact on communities in Swale.
- 4.2 The Council could consider alternative nominations for the trustee position. This is not recommended for the reasons set out in paragraph 3 above.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The Leader has been consulted on the proposal...

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The revised administrative arrangements were designed to widen community involvement in accordance with the Council priority: a community to be proud of.
Financial, Resource and Property	None
Legal and Statutory	The proposed nomination process is in accordance with the revised articles of the trust and accords with charity law and Charity Commission procedures.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage

Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage

7 Appendices

7.1 None

8 Background Papers

None