

Recommendations for Cabinet's consideration from the meeting of the Cranbrook Placemaking Group on 6 October 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET:

Minute 30: Community Development

To support the approach set out in the report to reestablish the Wellbeing Cranbrook programme and the creation of the Community Wellbeing & Activity Organiser and Community Connector roles.

Minute 31: Stewardship of Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space

1. To approve the preferred approach for the order of priority for the appointment of the 'Responsible Organisation' for adoption and future management of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) in the expansion phases of Cranbrook (in line with other public green spaces and community assets), as follows:
 - i. Cranbrook Town Council in the first instance (subject to Governance Review in relation to the area currently within the Whimple Parish)
 - ii. The District Council (or future Unitary Authority)
 - iii. An appropriate public body, charitable trust or CIC that is suitable for the management of SANG (e.g. Land Trust/English Estates), in consultation with Cranbrook Town Council
2. To approve the following proposed selection criteria, which are set out as the Council's expected consistent approach when (in conjunction with developers) determining who should be the Responsible Organisation for each phase and in future S106 agreements.
 - i. An appropriate constituted organisation in public ownership with capacity and suitability to manage SANG in perpetuity
 - ii. A suitable financial plan to ensure in perpetuity funding, which takes a cautious/low risk approach to investment
 - iii. A clear approach to public accountability to ensure that future management of the SANG can respond to community issues/concerns.
 - iv. That management costs for SANG in each phase of Cranbrook are based on an approved detailed landscape plans, specification, SANG management plan and a cost schedule which sets out the areas/features being delivered within the SANG and the estimated timescale for their capital replacement (and costs thereof)
 - v. Consideration of how added value will be achieved (e.g. wider public health and wellbeing, education, sustainability and biodiversity benefits).
 - vi. How the organisation will contribute to achieving a consistent management of SANG within Cranbrook.
 - vii. Agree to delegate authority to the New Community Manager and Green Infrastructure Project Manager to prepare a model of an outline specification and management plan which sets out the approach and requirements for SANG Management in Cranbrook.
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