

## DECISION NOTICE – Leader of the Council.

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Nene Park Trust – Appointment of Council Representative</b>
<b>Delegations Checked</b>	This decision is proposed in accordance with the delegations for the Leader as set out at delegation number 3.3.9 of Part 3 of the delegation document.
<b>Name and contact details of officer requesting the decision</b>	Helen Edwards, Solicitor to the Council, 01733 452533, <a href="mailto:Helen.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk">Helen.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</a>
<b>Is the report or background information attached to this request exempt?</b>	No
<b>Is this a Key Decision Key Decision Reference</b>	No
<b>Details of decision required</b>	To appoint Councillor Samantha Dalton to represent the city council on the Nene Park Trust.
<b>Reasons for recommending decision and any relevant background information</b>	<p>The city council is entitled to appoint two representatives to the Nene Park Trust each municipal year. These appointments are made following Annual Council each year. Following the withdrawal of a Councillor to one of these positions, Group Secretaries were advised of the vacancy and were requested to nominate replacements.</p> <p>Part 3 Section 6 of the Council's constitution states that the time allowed before appointment is deemed disputed and is one calendar month from the date of the initial approach to Group Secretaries. Group Secretaries were initially advised of the vacancy on Monday 15 February 2010 and therefore, any remaining dispute by Monday 15 March 2010 must be reported to the Leader of the Council for determination. The constitution states that a seat will be deemed disputed if "either one or more political group secretaries disagree with the proposed allocation". Nominations for Cllr G Murphy from the English Democrat group and Cllr S Dalton from the Conservative group remain for this position (Cllr J R Fox from the Peterborough Independent Forum group was also previously nominated but withdrew).</p> <p>Following consideration, the Leader has determined that Councillor Samantha Dalton be appointed to the vacant position on the Nene Park Trust. Councillor Dalton's position within the Council as a Cabinet Advisor for Environment Capital and Culture would maximise the Council's ability to make decisions and work most effectively alongside the Nene Park Trust.</p>
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Appoint Cllr G Murphy – this option was rejected as Councillor Dalton's position as a Cabinet Advisor for Environment Capital and Culture would maximise the Council's ability to make decisions, work most effectively alongside the Nene Park Trust and assist the Trust in carrying out its work.</p> <p>Do not appoint a replacement until the next appointment round after the May elections – this option was rejected as the Nene Park Trust plays a key role in providing leisure and cultural activities within Peterborough. A reduced Council representation at any time could reduce the effective collaboration between the Nene Park Trust and the Council.</p>

<b>Declarations / conflict of interest</b>	<b>Declarations of any other Cabinet Members consulted by the Cabinet Member making the decision.</b> <i>The Cabinet Member should be reminded to declare any interests/conflicts of interest here.</i>			
<b>Dispensations granted</b>	<b>In respect of any declared conflict of interest in relation to the decision, any dispensation granted by the Secretary of State/Standards Committee.</b> <i>The Cabinet Member should detail any dispensations granted in this box.</i>			
<b>Consultation (officers/ward councillors)</b> <i>Legal and finance should be consulted regarding the proposals. Ward Councillors, other Cabinet Members and officers should be consulted if the proposals will have an impact on their service area/ward.</i>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>
	<b>Ward Councillors</b> <i>(if decision is ward specific)</i>			
	<b>Legal</b>	Kim Sawyer	Approved	18.03.10
	<b>Finance</b>	Vicki Palazon (approved with Steven Pilsworth delegated responsibility 19 February – 22 March)	Approved	16.03.10
	<b>Democratic Services</b>	Alex Daynes	Approved	16.03.10
	<b>Procurement Project Director</b> <i>(if decision is contract/procurement related)</i>			
	<b>Head of Strategic Property</b> <i>(if decision is property related)</i>			
<b>Other Officers / Members</b>				
<b>Director's approval</b> <i>Directors are requested not to sign if the above section is incomplete</i>	Gillian Beasley			<b>Date</b> 19.03.2010
<b>Date sent to Cabinet Member if key decision</b>	<i>To be inserted by Democratic Services</i>			
<b>If key decision – date decision may be taken</b>	<i>To be inserted by Democratic Services</i>			
<b>Cabinet Member approval</b>	Cllr M Cereste			<b>Date</b> 19.03.2010
<b>Reasons for making decision</b> <b>Please tick one of the Options</b>	<b>Option 1</b> I agree with the officer's reasons for recommending the decision.			✓
	<b>Option 2</b> I agree with the officer's reasons for recommending the decision and have the following additional comments to make.			
<b>Once signed by Director, please pass to Democratic Services. We will contact the Cabinet Member and arrange for signature.</b>				