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**Directors appointed to Otterpool Park board**

Five new directors are to join the board overseeing the development of a garden town for the Folkestone & Hythe district.

Three independent directors, Dinah Roake, Luke Quilter and SallyAnne Logan have been appointed together with Folkestone & Hythe district councillors Jenny Hollingsbee and Rebecca Shoob.

The announcement of the new appointments was made today following interviews for the Otterpool Park non-executive roles on Monday (29 June 2020).

The directors will be members of the board of the Otterpool Park Limited Liability Partnership (LLP). The partnership was approved by Cabinet in May and will lead on the delivery of the project as master developer, ensuring that it can be run efficiently whilst not distracting the council away from its other responsibilities.

Existing board members are the council’s Director of Development John Bunnett and Strategic Development Officer Andy Jarrett.

Leader of the Council David Monk said: “I am delighted with the appointments. The three non-executives will bring a huge wealth of expertise to their roles as independent directors of our tremendously exciting project.

“Together they have skills in planning, development and marketing and I am confident that the all members of the board will bring their breadth of experience to ensuring the successful delivery of a world-class garden town.”

Otterpool Park is a proposed development of up to 10,000 homes, 9,000 jobs, extensive green space and other amenities required for a vibrant and sustainable community.

A planning application was submitted last year and – if approved – the scheme would come to fruition over the next 30 years.

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**Notes to Editors:**

**Dinah Roake** is a planning and development specialist with experience in placemaking, social infrastructure and alternative housing delivery.

**Luke Quilter** is Chief Executive of the Folkestone-based Sleeping Giant Media and has particular expertise in digital marketing and marketing strategy.

**SallyAnne Logan** is project manager for the South of Ashford Garden Community and has worked for Ashford Borough Council for more than 18 years.

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