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**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2009/10**  
**MAIDENDALE NATURE AND FISHING RESERVE**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor John Williams, Leader**

**Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider a request from Maidendale Nature and Fishing Reserve for one of this Council's Members to be appointed to the Reserve.

**Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that:-
  - (a) Councillor Dixon be appointed as an Associate Member of Maidendale Nature and Fishing Reserve Trust, in a non-voting capacity, for the remainder of the 2009/10 Municipal Year; and
  - (b) the appointment be included within the list of appointments to outside bodies made by Cabinet.

**Reasons**

3. To enable this Council to be represented on the Trust as an associate member.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

**Background Papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The appointment does not contribute directly to the prevention of crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	The appointment does not directly affect the health and well-being of the people of the Borough, however, the reserve is being developed as a site that encourages health activities for all ages.
Sustainability	The appointment will enable sustainability to be considered in the development of policies and other decisions.
Diversity	The report contributes to diversity through the involvement of Members in the development of policies and other decisions.
Wards Affected	Eastbourne Ward.
Groups Affected	There are no groups directly affected by the appointment.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is an executive decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the community strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of a local elected representative on an outside body, and the development of policies and other decisions through that body.
Efficiency	There are no efficiencies to be made by the Council through this appointment.

## **MAIN REPORT**

### **Information and Analysis**

4. A request has been received from Maidendale Nature and Fishing Reserve for one of this Council's Members to be appointed to the Reserve, in the capacity of either a Trustee or Associate Member. Trustees and Associated Members are both invited to attend meetings, however, only Trustees are entitled to vote.
5. The Trust is working to develop the 14 acre Maidendale Nature and Fishing Reserve in order to encourage healthy activities for all ages and promote the benefits of the facilities to the whole Community. As part of this development the Trust are working with other agencies, including schools, to promote the use of the reserve as an educational site for schools and other community groups.
6. The Constitution of the Trust provides that Associate members have no vote which means they can bear no responsibilities for the decisions of the trust and therefore the liabilities. On that basis it is recommended that Associate membership is accepted.

### **Outcome of Consultation**

7. No formal consultation was undertaken in respect of the contents of the report other than internal consultation.