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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – Friday, 7  
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Subject: THE RED HILL TRUST

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FOR DECISION

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### Introduction

1. The Red Hill Trust was founded in 1948 to manage a school for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties. It was established at Charlton Court in East Sutton, Maidstone (taking its name from its earlier premises in Chislehurst).
2. For nearly 50 years, Red Hill School provided boarding education for about 50 boys with emotional and behavioural problems who had been referred by local authorities across the South East. It eventually closed in 1992 as the Government instituted its policy of integration into mainstream schools.
3. For the next ten years it was leased to Kent County Council who used it as a day centre for a Pupil Referral Unit, catering for children with the same problems as those that had previously boarded there. This lease has now ended and the property has been sold. The Trustees are now in a position to make grants to organisations which have similar objectives as the original Trust. Further information provided by the Trust is given at **Appendix 1**

### Representation

4. Mr David Wilson, Chairman of Trustees has written to the County Council asking whether it would be prepared to appoint a Trustee. A copy of his correspondence with the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership is included at **Appendix 2**. From this it can be seen that the Managing Director – Children, Families and Education's representative considers that it would be mutually beneficial if the County Council was to appoint to the Trust.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

5. The Committee is recommended to agree to make a nomination to the Red Hill Trust and to appoint accordingly.

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