

**Ebbsfleet Development Corporation Board Meeting
24 July 2024**

The following public questions for the EDC Board and the responses can also be found on the Corporation's website at www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk

Question 1

[Re: Planning, Design and Delivery Report] **4.1 states 'Swanscombe Development LLP has been placed on the market'. Are EDC bidding?**

Response

The Corporation's position in respect of the sale of Swanscombe Development LLP is currently treated as commercially confidential so we are unable to answer your question directly at this time.

Question 2

[Re: Communications and Marketing Report] **Can you clarify for website users: - "4.1. In May we onboarded with Cavendish Consulting to provide ongoing technical and creative website support for the Ebbsfleet Garden City website, which will provide additional capacity to manage the security and compliance of the website, as well as providing expertise to unlock opportunities to enhance its performance, such as via search engine optimisation (SEO) or further developing contact forms and routes to engagement"?**

Response

As a small team, we regularly work with external agencies who provide us with additional resource and support across the organisation. We appointed Cavendish Consulting to ensure that our website continues to perform efficiently and securely. They are providing a service to monitor the Ebbsfleet Garden City website, make recommendations for improvements, provide website performance reports, and implement any requests for updates or changes to the website when instructed by EDC. This is all aimed at improving the user experience.

Question 3

[Re: CEO Part I Report, Q1 Performance Annex] **The report states "The remaining part of the Castle Hill Lakes are expected to open to the public during the year." Where is the extent of this shown?**

Response

We expect the second pedestrian connection across the lake to be opened by the developer this year which would allow residents to complete a circular walk around the lake. The land around and leading up to that connection would therefore be opened at that time.

Question 4

Can you expand these items in most recent, March 2024, Transparency Report?

Date	Payment	Amount	EDC Response
01/03/2024	Ebbsfleet Garden City Trust/ EGCT Operating GRANT	£57,162.15	This payment relates to the Q4 23/24 grant claim from the Trust (the Corporation agreed to provide financial support to the EGCT whilst it establishes itself).
01/03/2024	Ebbsfleet Garden City Trust/ Community Fund GRANT	£12,647.50	The Corporation agreed that EGCT could manage the Community Fund that has been created. This payment relates to half of the available Community Fund for 23/24.
14/03/2024	Support with Business Planning for EGCT GRANT	£5,000	Further financial support to the EGCT to assist them produce a five-year funding business plan.
25/03/2024	Gravesham Borough Council/ Place Partnership Grant – Creative Estuary & GBC GRANT	£20,000.00	This relates to two £10k payments to GBC – one for EDC's grant contribution for the Place Partnership work and one for a contribution towards the work looking at the Northfleet station pathway project.