

Appointment of Champions

26 May 2015

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appoint three non-executive Champions for the four year period 2015/16 to 2018/19, as detailed in the report.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That Champions for

- **Older People**
- **Children and Young People**
- **Veterans**

be appointed by Council for the four year term 2015/16 to 2018/19.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 On 17 July 2013, Council formalised the arrangements for Member Champions in Part 6 of the Constitution as a non-executive role. The Council currently has Champions for three distinct areas: Older People; Children and Young People and Veterans.

1.2 On 12 May 2014, Council resolved:

“That, when appointments are made for 2015/16, their term of office be extended from one to four years, to enable the champions to develop their knowledge and carry out their duties over a longer period.”

2.0 Proposal

2.1 A Champion is a non-executive councillor appointed by Council at its annual meeting to provide a focus on a specific area of the Council’s business or where a community group needs to ensure it is given due regard in relation to the activities of the Council and its partners in local governance.

2.2 Councillors may be re-appointed and there is no limit to their term of office. The Champions appointed for 2014/15 were:

Older People – Councillor Margaret Pattison
Children and Young People – Councillor Joyce Taylor
Veterans – Councillor Liz Scott

2.3 Appointments made at this meeting will be for a four year term, in accordance with the Council resolution above (minute 17 refers).

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 Council is asked to appoint Champions four year term 2015/16 to 2018/19. Only non-Cabinet Members may be nominated.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Diversity – the Champion is appointed to take a particular interest in services and circumstances which affect and impact upon certain groups in the district, recognising that there are different and varying needs within this section of the Community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. Champions may claim travel expenses incurred attending meetings necessary to their role and these will be met from within the existing members travel budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS
Constitution Part 6 Section 4

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