

Disability Champion

18 December 2019

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable Council to appoint a Disability Champion for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) **That the role of Disability Champion be filled by nomination and voting at this council meeting, in line with the Council resolution on 13 November 2019.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In response to a motion on notice at the last Council meeting on 13 November 2019, Council resolved:

- (1) This Council believes it can better support and improve the services provided by this Council for people with disabilities and their families by re-instating the role of 'Champion for the Disabled' and renaming it 'Disability Champion.'
- (2) Council will establish the 'Disability Champion' role and the role holder will work with the portfolio holder for Communities & Social Justice and support the Lancaster City Council Wellbeing Advisory Group in its exploration of wellbeing and social justice issues in the district. The new 'Disability Champion' role will be filled by nomination and voting at the next Council meeting on the 18 December 2019.

(Minute 82 refers.)

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 Council is asked to receive nominations and appoint a Disability Champion at the meeting this evening.

2.2 The term of office of the appointment will be for the remainder of this municipal year (2019/2020).

2.3 The new Disability Champion's role will be to work with the portfolio holder for Communities & Social Justice and support the Lancaster City Council Wellbeing Advisory Group in its exploration of wellbeing and social justice issues in the district.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Council created the role and remit of a new Disability Champion at its last meeting in November and is asked to fill that vacant role at this meeting.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Climate Change, Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Working with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Social Justice, the new Champion will help to promote equality and rights for people with disabilities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report. The Disability Champion role will not carry any special responsibility allowance.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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