



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
DATE:	16 MAY 2019
REPORT OF THE:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER SIMON COPLEY
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBER CHAMPIONS
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out information regarding the Member Champion role and seeks nominations to fill any or all of the positions that are currently vacant. The report also proposes next steps for the review of Member Champion roles.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That Council note the information in this report.
- 2.2 That Council agrees appointments to any or all vacant Member Champion roles.
- 2.3 That Council instructs the Democratic Services Manager and the Council Monitoring Officer to undertake a review of the Member Champion role, bringing any recommendations back to Policy and Resources for consideration and final agreement by Full Council.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To ensure that recruitment to all or any Members Champion roles takes place, as it has been customary to agree this at Annual Council, and to ask Members to consider to commission a review of these roles.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 It has been customary to agree the Member Champion roles at Annual Council even though this is not a requirement of the constitution. Members may consider recruitment to all or some of the roles as essential given there are a number of vacancies, particularly in areas where there has been significant focus over the last four years e.g. the Staff Champion role.

- 4.2 A review will support Members to make recommendations about the future status, remit and role of Member Champions. To not undertake this review would mean that the status, remit and role might not align with supporting organisational governance and resilience.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Member Champions are not part of the Council's constitutional requirement and no reference is made to them. Neither are the roles available defined within the Constitution.
- 5.2 However, it has been customary to decide on Member Champions at the Annual Council meeting, and for this reason, the report asks Members to consider whether they wish to appoint to any or all vacancies, and if so, who these appointees will be.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 The portfolio of Member Champion roles is attached as Appendix A, with details of vacancies.
- 6.2 The role description of Member Champions is attached at Appendix B.
- 6.3 The review would ensure that Members can consider the future of these roles.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial
Some expenses may be required to support Elected Members in their role.
 - b) Legal
None.
 - c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental and Climate Change, Crime & Disorder)
There will be a need to ensure that Member Champions receive training to undertake these roles if and where required, and that any overlap with subject responsibility such as representatives on Outside Bodies and Committee Chairs is fully considered.

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Background Papers:
None