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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 April 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Legal &amp; Property Services</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>SL/LP/045/19</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Appointment of Community Council Champion</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to appoint a Community Council Champion following the resignation of Councillor Quinn.
- 1.2 Information on the role of the Community Council Champion, including the overall purpose and, main duties and responsibilities, is set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 1.3 There are currently varying approaches by Champions to their roles. This report gives the Council the opportunity to review the roles of and support given to the nominated Champions.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Council is asked to appoint a Community Council Champion in place of Councillor Quinn.
- 2.2 The Council is asked to consider whether it wishes there to be a review of the roles of and support given to its nominated Champions.

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<b><u>Role of the Community Council Champion</u></b>
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<b>Overall Purpose of Champion:</b>
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To be the Council's Community Council Champion by:

- Raising the profile of Community Councils as a key mechanism through which the Council engages with communities; and
- Advocating for community engagement and community empowerment, through engaging communities in the design and delivery of public services.

<b>Main Duties and Responsibilities:</b>
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1.	To be the Council's ambassador and spokesperson for issues relating to community engagement and community empowerment.
2.	To promote the development and strengthening of Community Councils across the Inverclyde area.
3.	To ensure that the views and opinions of Community Councils, community associations and organisations are taken into account in the planning and development of policies and services.
4.	To provide strategic liaison amongst the Council and its partner agencies with regard to developing and improving community engagement in Inverclyde.
5.	To promote the use of asset based approaches to community engagement in the design and delivery of services.
6.	To encourage community representatives to work together to improve outcomes for communities.
7.	To liaise with Government and MPs / MSPs regarding Community Councils and community engagement and empowerment more generally