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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>The Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b> 5 December 2013
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b> SL/LA/1116/13
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Welfare Champion - Motion by Councillor McEleny</b>	

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the attached motion from Councillor McEleny, countersigned by Councillor Brooks, proposing the appointment of a Welfare Champion, which has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22.

**APPENDIX**

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is requested to consider the attached motion.

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**SNP Motion for Council meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

The UK government's Welfare Reforms, its benefits changes and cuts, are causing much hardship for many of our citizens living in Inverclyde.

Council believes that by Inverclyde Council appointing a Welfare Champion it will display to Inverclyde citizens we are dedicated in tackling the welfare cuts that are affecting so many people in Inverclyde, particularly many hundreds of vulnerable people.

Council agrees there is a need for a champion to promote the support Inverclyde Council is providing to the victims of the current Westminster coalitions welfare reform agenda.

Council notes that Cllr Macleod has consistently campaigned for and championed the needs of our citizens who these reforms impact upon. Therefore council agrees that he shall be appointed as the Councils welfare champion.

Proposed Cllr Chris McEleny

Seconded Cllr Keith Brooks