

Report To: The Inverclyde Council

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Subject: Elected Member Champions

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to review and formalise the role and remit of the Community Council Champion and agree a final list of the Council's Elected Member Champions.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Member Champions have been appointed by the Council on various occasions since 2008. The current list of Elected Member Champions is detailed in paragraph 7.1.

2.2 The key role of a Member Champion is to be the Council's ambassador and spokesperson for their particular area of responsibility. Member Champions should highlight and promote their particular area of responsibility both within the Council and with external agencies and the public.

2.3 Formal roles and remits have been agreed for the Council's Member Champions, with the exception of the Community Council Champion. The Council agreed to appoint a Community Council Champion at its meeting on 20 February 2014 and it was decided that Councillor Brennan be appointed to the role.

2.4 A formal role and remit for the Community Council Champion has been developed and is attached for the Council's consideration in appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Council is asked to:

- (i) Approve the role and remit of the Community Council Champion; and
- (ii) Agree the final list of the Council's Elected Member Champions.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The role of Member Champion was created to highlight the key issues affecting that particular area of interest and to act as a spokesperson to ensure that effective communication takes place both within the Council and with external agencies and the public.
- 4.2 In this way, the Member Champions represent the Council and seek to ensure that there is mutual awareness of the impact of strategic decisions in these areas both within the Council and especially with relevant outside agencies.
- 4.3 The Member Champions also provide, effectively, a focus for key actions in terms of the Council's Corporate Statement and promote liaison and communication amongst the Council and partner agencies.
- 4.4 The Council has appointed various Member Champions since 2008 and appointments were consolidated at the statutory meeting of the Inverclyde Council following the election in May 2012.

5.0 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAMPION

- 5.1 The Council agreed to appoint a Community Council Champion at its meeting on 20 February 2014 and it was agreed that Councillor Brennan be appointed to the role.
- 5.2 The purpose of the Community Council Champion is to enhance the Council's engagement with and support for Community Councils.
- 5.3 Formal roles and remits were agreed for the Council's Member Champions at the last Council meeting on 4 June 2015, with the exception of the Community Council Champion. A formal role and remit for the Community Council Champion has been developed and is attached for the Council's consideration in appendix 1.

6.0 FINAL LIST OF ELECTED MEMBER CHAMPIONS

- 6.1 The Council has appointed a total of eight Elected Member Champions and these are listed in the table below.

Designation	Elected Member	Directorate
Older Persons' Champion	Councillor McIlwee and Mrs N McFadden	HSCP
Young People's Champion	Councillor McColgan	Education & Communities
Carers' Champion	Councillor Jones	HSCP
Armed Forces' Champion	Councillor Dorrian	HSCP
Sports Champion	Councillor Ahlfeld	Education & Communities
Health Lifestyles Champion	Provost Moran	HSCP
Welfare & Financial Inclusion Champion	Councillor McCabe	HSCP
Community Council Champion	Councillor Brennan	Education and Communities

The Council is asked to confirm that there are no further Elected Member Champions that it wishes to appoint and that the list contained within paragraph 7.1 represents the final list of Elected Member Champions.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

8.1 Nil

Legal

8.2 Nil

Human Resources

8.3 Nil

Equalities

8.4 Nil

Repopulation

8.5 Nil

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Nil

Appendix 1

Role of the Community Council Champion

Overall Purpose of Champion:

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.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

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