

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 June 2017

Report of the Head of Service Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

Annual Reports of the County Council's Former Champions 2016/17

(Appendices 'A' - 'F' refer)

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Executive Summary

Appendices 'A' – 'F' set out, as follows, the annual reports of the County Council's six Champions for 2016/17:

- Appendix 'A' – Champion for Armed Forces Veterans
(former County Councillor Darren Clifford)
- Appendix 'B' – Champion for Disabled People (County Councillor Steven Holgate)
- Appendix 'C' – Champion for Digital Inclusion
(former County Councillor Sean Serridge)
- Appendix 'D' – Champion for Older People (County Councillor Terry Aldridge)
- Appendix 'E' – Champion for Parishes (former County Councillor Cynthia Dereli)
- Appendix 'F' – Champion for Young People (County Councillor Kim Snape)

The report outlines the activities each Champion has undertaken between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, in the respective roles they held, from the resources previously allocated to them on an annual basis.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to note the annual reports of the former County Council's six Champions for 2016/17 as set out in appendices 'A' – 'F'.

Background and Advice

The Leader of the County Council and Cabinet have established six "Champion" roles, and has provided each Champion with an annual budget of £10,000 to support the work of the Champions in their respective areas, making a total annual budget of £60,000.

The Champions for the year 2016-17 were:

- Champion for Armed Forces Veterans - County Councillor Darren Clifford
- Champion for Disabled People – County Councillor Steven Holgate
- Champion for Digital Inclusion – County Councillor Sean Serridge
- Champion for Older People – County Councillor Terry Aldridge
- Champion for Parishes – County Councillor Cynthia Dereli
- Champion for Young People – County Councillor Kim Snape

The annual budget of £10,000 for each Champion is allocated for use at their discretion to finance their activities including organising and attending meetings, seminars and conferences and other similar events; the payment of a grant or loan to individuals and outside bodies or organisations within the scope of their remit; and other incidental costs necessary to enable them to fulfil their roles.

Each Champion is required to submit an annual report to the Cabinet setting out how their allocation has been spent.

Attached at Appendices 'A' – 'F' are the annual reports for 2016/17 for each former Champion, which outlines the activities undertaken and expenditure incurred between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017 in their respective roles.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

It is considered that there are no risk management implications in this report.

Financial

Individual former Champions' underspends to be carried forward to the following financial year are limited to a maximum of £2,500.

The following table shows the financial resources that were available for allocation by the former Champions in 2016/17 and the level for funding being carried forward to 2017/18 for the new Champions.

	Funding Brought Forward from 2015/16	2016/17 Funding (£)	Total available to allocate in 2016/17	Spent in 2016/17 (£)	Funding Carried Forward to 2017/18 (£)
Armed Forces Veterans	5	10,000	10,005	9,920	85
Digital Inclusion	1,147	10,000	11,147	11,147	0
Disabled People	314	10,000	10,314	10,300	14
Older People	530	10,000	10,530	10,495	35
Parishes	680	10,000	10,680	10,680	0
Young People	342	10,000	10,342	10,342	0
Total	3,018	60,000	63,018	62,884	134

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Details of individual proposals	April 2016 – March 2017	Janet Nuttall, (01772) 533110

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A