

Cabinet

Meeting to be held on 9 July 2015

Report of the Head of Service Legal and Democratic Services

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| Electoral Division affected: All |
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Annual Reports of the County Council Champions

(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 2014/15:

Appendix 'A' – Champion for Armed Forces Veterans

(County Councillor Darren Clifford)

Appendix 'B' – Champion for Digital Inclusion (County Councillor Sean Serridge)

Appendix 'C' – Champion for Disabled People (County Councillor Gareth Molineux)

Appendix 'D' – Champion for Older People (County Councillor Terry Aldridge)

Appendix 'E' – Champion for Parishes (County Councillor Cynthia Dereli)

Appendix 'F' – Champion for Young People (County Councillor Kim Snape)

The reports outline the activities each Champion has undertaken between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015, in their respective roles, from the resources allocated to them on an annual basis.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to note the annual reports of the County Council's six Champions for 2014/2015 as set out in Appendices 'A' – 'F'.

Background and Advice

In June 2002, the then Cabinet Member for Policy, Resources, Best Value and Member Support approved an annual allocation of £30,000 from the Change Contingency to support three members of the County Council as Champions; Young People, Older People and Parishes. In September 2010 the Cabinet approved the establishment of a new Champion for Disabled People, The Leader of the County Council, in August 2011, approved the establishment of the Champion for Armed Forces Veterans and in September 2013 Cabinet approved the establishment of the

Champion for Digital Inclusion each with an allocation of £10,000. The establishment of these additional roles has increased the overall allocation to support the work of the Champions to £60,000.

Each Champion is allocated a sum of £10,000 per annum 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 and 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 are Appendices 'A' – 'F' are the annual reports for 2014/15 for each Champion, which outline the expenditure the Champions have incurred between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 in their respective roles from the resources allocated to them on an annual basis.

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

List of Background Papers

| Paper | Date | Contact/Tel |
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| Details of individual proposals | April 2014 – March 2015 | Janet Nuttall, Legal and Democratic Services, (01772) 533110 |

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A