

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 July 2019

Report of the Head of Service - Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
(All Divisions);

Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions 2018/19

(Appendices 'A' – 'E' refer)

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Executive Summary

Appendices 'A' – 'E' set out, as follows, the annual reports of the county council's five Champions 2018/19:

Appendix 'A' – Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans
(County Councillor Alf Clempson)

Appendix 'B' – Champion for Disabled People (County Councillor Peter Steen)

Appendix 'C' – Champion for Older People (County Councillor Joan Burrows)

Appendix 'D' – Champion for Parishes – (County Councillor Paul Rigby)

Appendix 'E' – Champion for Young People – (County Councillor Mark Perks)

The report presents a summary from each Champion of activities undertaken between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, including how they have spent their individual budget allocations of £10,000 per Champion.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to note the annual reports of the county council's five Champions for 2018/19 as set out in appendices 'A' – 'E'.

Background and Advice

The Leader of the County Council and Cabinet have established five "Champion" roles and 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 £50,000.

The Champions for the year 2018/19 were:-

- Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans – County Councillor Alf Clempson
- Champion for Disabled People – County Councillor Peter Steen
- Champion for Older People – County Councillor Joan Burrows
- Champion for Parishes – County Councillor Paul Rigby
- Champion for Young People – County Councillor Mark Perks

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 grants or loans to individuals and outside bodies or organisations within the scope of their remit; and other individual costs necessary to enable them to fulfil their roles.

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

Attached at Appendices 'A' – 'E' are the annual reports for 2018/19 for each Champion, which outline the activities undertaken and expenditure incurred between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 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 to this report.

Financial

Individual 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 in 2018/19 and the level of funding being carried forward to 2019/20.

The Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans, County Councillor Alf Clempson, was refunded £1,200 from a group he had funded out of his 2017/18 budget as the premises they originally sought were unsuitable for purpose, making his total carry over figure for 2018/19 £1,865.

	Funding Brought Forward from 2017/18 (£)	2018/19 Funding (£)	Total available to allocate in 2018/19 (£)	Spent in 2018/19 (£)	Funding Carried Forward to 2019/20 (£)
Armed Forces and Veterans	665 + 1,200 refund	10,000	11,865	10,965	900
Disabled People	0	10,000	10,000	9,052	948
Older People	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Parishes	36	10,000	10,036	9,422	614
Young People	151	10,000	10,151	6,850	2,500*
Total	2,052	50,000	52,052	46,289	4,962

* Available funds at end of 2018/19 to carry forward totally £3,301, however maximum carry forward permitted is £2,500

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Details of individual proposals	April 2018 – March 2019	Janet Nuttall/(01772) 533110

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A