

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 September 2021

Report of the Head of Service - Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions and Former Champions 2020/2021

(Appendices 'A' - 'F' refer)

Contact for further information:

Janet Nuttall, Tel: (01772) 533110, Business Support Officer,
janet.nuttall@lancashire.gov.uk

Executive Summary

Appendices 'A' - 'F' set out, as follows, the annual reports of the county council's six Champions for 2020/21:

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

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

Appendix 'C' – Champion for Mental Health (County Councillor Eddie Pope)

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

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

Appendix 'F' – Champion for Young People
(former County Councillor David Foxcroft)

The report outlines the activities each Champion has undertaken between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, in the respective roles they held, from the resources previously allocated to them on an annual basis.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to receive the annual reports of the Champions and former Champions for 2020/21 as set out in Appendices 'A' - 'F'.

Background and Advice

There are currently six "Champion" roles and each Champion has been provided with an annual budget of £10,000 to support their work in their respective roles, making a total annual budget of £60,000.

The Champions for the year 2020/21 were:

- Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans – County Councillor Alf Clempson
- Champion for Disabled People – (now former) County Councillor Peter Steen
- Champion for Mental Health – County Councillor Eddie Pope
- Champion for Older People – County Councillor Joan Burrows
- Champion for Parishes – County Councillor Paul Rigby
- Champion for Yong People – (now former) County Councillor David Foxcroft

The annual budget of £10,000 for each Champion is allocated for use at their discretion to finance 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 2020/21 for each Champion and former Champion, which outlines the activities undertaken and expenditure incurred between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 in their respective roles.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Payments to organisations are subject to an application process and must have the support of the relevant Champion before being approved by the Director of Corporate Services. Monitoring of expenditure will also be undertaken.

Financial

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

The following table shows the financial resources that were available for allocation by the Champions and former Champions in 2020/21 and the level of funding being carried forward to 2021/22 for the new and existing Champions.

	Funding Brought Forward from 2019/20	2020/21 Funding (£)	Total available to allocate in 2020/21	Spent in 2020/21 (£)	Funding Carried forward to 2021/22 (£)
Armed Forces and Veterans	1,399	10,000	11,399	11,399	0
Disabled People	418	10,000	10,418	6,637	2,500
Mental Health	N/A	10,000	10,000	2,250	2,500
Older People	1,075	10,000	11,075	10,815	260
Parishes	554	10,000	10,554	10,527	27
Young People	47	10,000	10,047	5,619	2,500
Total	3,493	60,000	63,493	47,247	7,787

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Details of individual proposals	April 2020 - March 2021	Janet Nuttall, (01772) 533110

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A