

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 September 2022

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;
Protecting our environment;
Supporting economic growth;
Caring for the vulnerable;

Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions and the Former Champion for Disabled People

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

Attached at Appendix 'A' are the annual reports of the county council's six Champions for 2021/2022.

The reports outline the activities each Champion has undertaken between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, 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 the former Champion for Disabled People as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Detail

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



The Champions for the year 2021/22 were:

- Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans – County Councillor Alf Clempson
- Champion for Disabled People – County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick
- Champion for Mental Health – County Councillor Stuart Morris
- Champion for Older People – County Councillor Joan Burrows
- Champion for Parishes – County Councillor Paul Rigby
- Champion for Young People – County Councillor Scott Smith

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 their 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 Appendix 'A' are the annual reports for 2021/22 for each Champion and former Champion, which outlines the activities undertaken and expenditure incurred between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 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 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 the former Champion for Disabled People in 2021/22 and the level of funding being carried forward to 2022/23 for the new and existing Champions.



	Funding Brought Forward from 2021/21 (£)	2021/22 Funding (£)	Total available to allocate in 2021/22 (£)	Spent in 2021/22 (£)	Funding Carried forward to 2022/23 (£)
Armed Forces and Veterans	0	10,000	10,000	8,400	1,600
Disabled People	2,500	10,000	12,500	12,422	78
Mental Health	2,500	10,000	12,500	10,220	2,280
Older People	260	10,000	10,260	7,560	2,700
Parishes	27	10,000	10,027	9,627	400
Young People	2,500	10,000	12,500	11,832	668
Total	7,787	60,000	67,787	61,061	7,726

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Details of individual proposals	April 2021 – March 2022	Janet Nuttall. (01772) 533110

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

