

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 6 July 2023

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

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

Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

Attached at Appendix 'A' are the annual reports of the county council's six Champions for 2022/2023. The reports outline the activities each Champion has undertaken between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, in the respective roles they held, from the resources previously allocated to them on an annual basis.

This report also sets out proposed changes to the Champion Grants Scheme, to ensure the council's approach to awarding grants to external organisations and community groups is consistent and transparent. A revised Champion Grants Scheme is attached at Appendix 'B'.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked:

- (i) To consider and comment on the annual reports of the county council's Champions; and
- (ii) To approve the changes to the Champion Grants Scheme, and the revised scheme as set out at Appendix 'B'.



Detail

There are six county council "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 2022/23 were:

- Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans – County Councillor Alf Clempson
- Champion for Disabled People – County Councillor Carole Haythornthwaite
- 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 Ash Sutcliffe

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 Cabinet setting out how their allocation has been spent.

Attached at Appendix 'A' are the annual reports for 2022/23 for each Champion, which outlines the activities undertaken and expenditure incurred between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 in their respective roles.

Attached at Appendix 'B' is a revised set of rules for the Champion Grants Scheme. Cabinet is asked to approve the revised scheme, which will ensure a consistent and transparent approach to grants awarded by county councillors.

Appendices

Appendices 'A' and 'B' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	The Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions
Appendix 'B'	Revised Champion Grants Scheme

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:



Risk management

There are no significant implications arising from this report.

Financial

Individual Champion 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 in 2022/23 and the level of funding being carried forward to 2023/24 for each Champion.

	Funding Brought Forward from 2021/22	2022/23 Funding	Total available to allocate in 2022/23	Spent in 2022/23	Funding Carried forward to 2023/24
Armed Forces and Veterans	£1,600	£10,000	£11,600	£9,750	£1,850
Disabled People	£78	£10,000	£10,078	£8,741.50	£1,336.50
Mental Health	£2,280	£10,000	£12,280	£6,200	£2,500
Older People	£2,500	£10,000	£12,500	£11,978.50	£521.50
Parishes	£400	£10,000	£10,400	£7,440	£2,500
Young People	£668	£10,000	£10,668	£9,244	£1,424
Total	£7,526	£60,000	£67,526	£53,354	£10,132

List of Background Papers

Paper

Date

Contact/Tel

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

