

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 July 2024

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

(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 2023/2024. The reports outline the activities each Champion has undertaken between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, in relation to their respective roles and the resources allocated to them on an annual basis.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to consider and comment on the annual reports of the county council's Champions.

Detail

There are six county council "Champion" roles. 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 2023/24 were:

- Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans



- Champion for Disabled People
- Champion for Mental Health
- Champion for Older People
- Champion for Parishes
- Champion for Young People

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 2023/24 for each Champion, which outline the activities undertaken and expenditure incurred between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 in their respective roles.

Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	The Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal

Champions take advice from officers to ensure compliance with Council rules in relation to the distribution of funds.

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 2023/24 and the level of funding being carried forward to 2024/25 for each Champion.



	Funding brought forward from 2022/23	2023/24 funding	Total available to allocate in 2023/24	Spent in 2023/24	Funding carried forward to 2024/25
Armed Forces and Veterans	£1,850.00	£10,000.00	£11,850.00	£10,796.00	£1,054.00
Disabled People	£1,336.00	£10,000.00	£11,336.00	£11,200.00	£136.00
Mental Health	£2,500.00	£10,000.00	£12,500.00	£7,810.93	£2,500.00
Older People	£522.00	£10,000.00	£10,522.00	£10,522.00	£0.00
Parishes	£2,500.00	£10,000.00	£12,500.00	£9,853.16	£2,500.00
Young People	£1,424.00	£10,000.00	£11,424.00	£11,407.56	£16.44
Total	£10,132.00	£60,000.00	£70,132.00	£61,589.65	£6,206.44

Risk management

There are no significant implications arising from this report.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

