



**Prosperous Communities
Committee**

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Subject: Appointment of Member Champions 2019/20 – 2020/21 Civic Year

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To appoint Member Champions for 2019/2020 – 2020/21 Civic Years.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (a) That those Members named at Section 1.6 of the report be appointed as Member Champions for the 2019/2020 – 2020/21 Civic Years;**
- (b) That the information contained in section 2 be noted.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

Member Champions have no specific powers. These appointments are in line with the Constitution.

(N.B.) Where there are legal implications the report MUST be seen by the MO

Financial :

At present no member champions are entitled to receive Special Responsibility Allowances. Any change to this position would require recommendation by the Remuneration Panel and approval of Full Council. Travel expenses can be claimed for Member Champion duties and any such claims will be contained within the current revenue budget.

(N.B.) All committee reports MUST have a Fin Ref

Staffing :

No implications

(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report MUST have a HR Ref

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

No implications

NB: Please explain how you have considered the policy's impact on different groups (for example: young people, elderly, ethnic minorities, LGBT community, rural residents, disabled, others).

Data Protection Implications :

No implications

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

No implications

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

No implications

Health Implications:

No implications

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

Member Champions Report – 20 March 2018 – Prosperous Communities
Member Champions Report – 17 April 2018 – Governance and Audit Committee
Member Champions Report – 17 July 2019 - Prosperous Communities

Risk Assessment :

None

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Following changes to the Constitution, agreed by Council in May 17, the responsibility for appointing Champions sits within the remit of the relevant Policy Committee.
- 1.2 At the Prosperous Communities meeting on 6 June 2017 the committee asked that 'a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee regarding the role, purpose and positions held by Member Champions, in order that their future use could be better assessed'.
- 1.3 A review into the role of Member Champions was undertaken during 2017/18 by officers. This work, and the feedback gained is documented in the report taken to Prosperous Communities Committee on March 20 2018.
- 1.4 Prosperous Communities agreed a series of recommendations at their meeting on March 20 2018. These were as follows:
- 1) **The number of Member Champions be reduced from the start of the 2018/19 civic year;**
 - 2) **To not nominate Member Champions for areas where a committee Chair or Vice-Chair already has responsibility from the start of the 2018/19 civic year;**
 - 3) **Updates from Member Champions to come every 6 months through the West Lindsey newsletter from the start of the 2018/19 civic year;**
 - 4) **Areas that Member Champions are responsible for to be reviewed again in May 2019; Member Champion roles to be determined for the first meeting(s) of the 2018/19 civic year for both Corporate Policy and Resources and Prosperous Communities;**
- 1.5 In accordance with resolution 4 above, the areas that Member Champions are responsible for have been reviewed again in May 2019 by the Administration.
- 1.6 The following Members have been nominated for the following Member Champion roles that sit within the remit of the Prosperous Communities Committee:

Member Champion Role	Proposed Name
Heritage and Tourism	Paul Howitt-Cowan
Young People/Skills	Angela White
Community Transport / Public Rights of Way / Rural Issues	Lewis Strange
Safeguarding/Mental Health / Wellbeing	Angela Lawrence
Neighbourhood Planning and Localism	Steve England
Armed Forces	Bob Waller

Public Transport	Roger Patterson
Environment and Climate Change	Tracey Coulson

1.7 Those highlighted above are new or amended positions.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 One of the recommendations above was for Member Champions to provide a report for the West Lindsey Members Newsletter at least every 6 months; the first of these reports for new appointments will be due for the January 2019 newsletter;
- 2.2 In addition to the recommendations listed above in section 1, the research suggested that a review of Member Champion roles should be carried out every two years from May 2019.
- 2.3 Therefore the appointments above will run until the Annual Council meeting in May 2021.

