

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday, 23 April 2018

MEMBER CHAMPION ACTIVITY REPORT

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Executive Summary

This paper provides a report on the work of the Member Champions for the period up to March 2018.

Recommendation

The Authority is requested to note and endorse the report and acknowledge the work of the respective champions.

Information

The concept of Member Champions was introduced in December 2007. A review of the areas of focus for Member Champions was considered at the Authority meeting held in June 2017 where new areas of responsibility were discussed and agreed as follows: -

- Community Safety – CC Mark Perks
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – Cllr Zamir Khan
- Health and Wellbeing – CC Tony Martin
- Road Safety – Cllr Fred Jackson

Reports relating to the activity of the Member Champions are provided on a regular basis to the Authority. This report relates to activity for the period up to March 2018.

During this period, all have undertaken their respective role in accordance with the defined terms of reference. Their activity to date is as follows:

Community Safety – County Councillor Mark Perks

The Age Safe Group is currently working with Lancaster University on a project to consider loneliness and this will feed into the actions of the group. The Dementia Task Group continues to promote dementia resources and is working with the Admiral Nurses in Preston to support an event locally. The group is also developing a Dementia leaflet to provide on Home Fire Safety Check (HFSC) Visits, supporting Dementia Awareness Week in May by hosting various events at Stations and is also working to promote Dementia Friends Awareness Sessions to all LFRS staff with the aim of making them all Dementia Friends.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – Councillor Zamir Khan

Employee Voice consultation groups are in the process of meeting to consult and inform the development of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion action plan for next year, this will be presented to the Fire Authority in June 2018.

Health and Wellbeing – County Councillor Tony Martin

To support staff welfare at incidents I have agreed to a trial of water bottles that includes hydration information to remind firefighters to drink enough water to remain hydrated throughout the day. I support this initiative which will help to keep firefighters safe at incidents, reduce one use plastic bottles and it is being carried out alongside a promotion on nutrition and eating properly to ensure firefighters remain fit and healthy for work.

Road Safety – Councillor Fred Jackson

Councillor Fred Jackson has continued to influence road safety within LFRS by attending the Road Safe thematic group where key work streams are discussed and actioned.

Financial Implications

Activities are within budget.

Business Risk Implications

Whilst no formal obligation is placed on the Authority to have Champions, effective utilisation of such roles offers a number of benefits.

Environmental Impact

The Member Champion provides leadership on environmental issues and assists in engaging Authority members in strategic objectives relating to protecting the environment.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The Member Champion role provides leadership on E&D issues and assists in engaging Authority members in strategic objectives relating to equality and diversity.

Human Resource Implications

Some Member and Officer time commitments.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact DCFO Justin Johnston
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		