

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**  
Meeting to be held on Monday, 18 February 2019

**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 31 January 2019.

**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 31 January 2019.

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

**Older People – County Councillor Mark Perks**

The Age Safe Task Group have a planning workshop booked for 14 March which will be an opportunity to agree and set the actions and activities for 2019/20. Recruitment is currently underway to fill the Prevention Support Officer Age Safe vacancy and part of this role will be to support the Age Safe activities across LFRS. Councillor Mark Perks continues to support the Age Safe and Dementia Task Groups.

## **Equality and Diversity – Councillor Zamir Khan**

The Service has launched its positive action recruitment campaign. “Have A Go” days will be taking place across the County aimed at attracting a diversity of candidates to a career within the Fire Service.

## **Health & Wellbeing – County Councillor Tony Martin**

On Time to Talk Day – 7 February 2019, Councillor Martin supported the initiative to raise awareness of mental health problems and for them to not be perceived as a taboo subject, much like LGBT. The initiative included recognising that mental health affects us all and we should feel able to talk about it, regardless of our sexual orientation, race, religion, cultures etc. Often employees feel that they cannot talk and Councillor Martin wants to ensure that no one is made to feel isolated or alone for speaking out; whether that’s about mental health or LGBT related issues.

## **Road Safety – Councillor Fred Jackson**

Councillor Fred Jackson continues to support the Road Safe Thematic Group where the current priorities are: Biker Down, Wasted Lives and Road Sense.

## **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		