

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday, 29 April 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 Monday, 29 April 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 Monday, 29 April 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 Theme Group had a Planning Day on 14th March where the priorities and actions for 2018/19 were agreed. These are – Social Isolation, Communications, Dementia and CookSafe. Councillor Mark Perks continues to support the Group.

Equality and Diversity – Councillor Zamir Khan

The Service has advertised for apprentice firefighters and the advert has now closed, we are currently analysing the results, early indications are that we had applications from a diverse range of candidates. 1-7 April 2019 is World Autism Week and the Service has delivered a publicity campaign aimed at raising awareness about autism, how we can be more autism friendly and signposting employees to support in relation to autism.

Health & Wellbeing – County Councillor Tony Martin

Early 2019 health and wellbeing focus has been on hydration and nutrition raising awareness and ensuring that staff have the tools to remain hydrated and eat well. Water bottles have been issued supporting the stay hydrated message.

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		