

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
Meeting to be held on Monday, 16 September 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, 16 September 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 Hasina Khan
- 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, 16 September 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:

Community Safety – County Councillor Mark Perks

The Age Safe Task group action plan has been reviewed and updated and will be focusing on social isolation, communication and supporting the Winter Safety Campaign.

The Winter Safety Campaign will run from 28 October to 28 February and will target older people living alone. The thermometer cards from the 2018/19 campaign will be used to support the whole campaign, however a Christmas Card and message will be generated to run from November to December asking people to look out for neighbours/family/friends who may be lonely and vulnerable.

70 Safe and Warm bags have also been provided to each area to hand out on Home Fire Safety Checks visits, these include a fleecy blanket, thermos cup, and literature about how to stay warm over the winter. Councillor Perks provided the funding for these bags.

Safeguarding

Councillor Perks has received the safe guarding report for 2018/19 and also the quarter 1 Safeguarding Report for 2019/20 was shared. The Safeguarding card and poster are to be supplied to all Combined Fire Authority Members at this Combined Fire Authority meeting.

It is proposed that the North West Champions Forum will take place in November 2019 and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service has offered to host this at our Service Training Centre. Councillor Perks will be meeting with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer / Assistant Chief Fire Officer and David Halpin (Lancashire Champion for Older People) to discuss the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service presentations which may include: the revised Prevention Strategy, a safeguarding update, and the launch of the Winter Safety Campaign and the dementia prevention work (including the journey of the Guardian Angels to 999 Reunite devices which Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service provide to people living with dementia during a Home Fire Safety Check Visit).

Equality and Diversity – Councillor Zamir Khan

The Service has been developing a number of areas of policy development including a HIV Policy and Transitioning at Work Policy, a review of the Bullying and Harassment Policy in consultation with Trade Union representatives is also being undertaken.

Health & Wellbeing – County Councillor Hasina Khan

As the newly appointed Health and Wellbeing Champion, County Councillor Hasina Khan is pleased to provide her first report. She has met with Julie Lamb, Head of Safety, Health and Environment who has carried out an induction into the role and provided an update on progress made so far embedding the Health and Wellbeing Framework into the Service.

The Health and Wellbeing Framework aims to support staff from when they start employment to when they leave the service. Some of the areas that are included are:

- Fitness training and assessment
- Trauma/Emotional support
- Health promotion and education
- Medical/health surveillance and health screening
- Provision of an Employee Assistance Programme
- Physiotherapy treatment.

The Employee Assistance Programme provides a range of information and tools to support staff health and wellbeing which can be accessed online or through an app from your phone. The counselling options which are delivered through this

programme can be delivered by telephone, face-to-face and online and is proving a real success for staff improving their health and wellbeing.

Road Safety – Councillor Fred Jackson

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) continues to deliver its road safety prevention via community events and demonstrations using the crashed cars, one such example took place at Tesco Leyland called 'Alive to Drive' on 31 August / 01 September 2019 (a previous South Ribble award winner). Presentations of RoadSense in primary schools and Wasted Lives in high schools continue to highlight road risk to our young people. The Road Safe thematic group is currently working on increasing the delivery of Wasted Lives within high schools across Lancashire with a new updated package being launched in September.

LFRS is a proactive member of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and supports multi-agency events / productions such as Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) to colleges, SDSA has been nominated as a finalist for the BBC Lancashire Community Hero's Award (The Blue Light Award) the awards evening took place at King Georges Hall Blackburn on 14 September 2019.

One of the main focuses for the Road Safe thematic group this year has been Biker Down (which teaches how to aid the motorcyclist at scene who has had an accident). These sessions have proven to be extremely popular with the public, 16 sessions have been delivered to date to over 240 attendees. Five further sessions have been planned between September to December 2019 and LFRS will be releasing dates for spring 2020 soon. Councillor Fred Jackson Member Champion for road safety continues to keenly support road safety and most recently has agreed to fund much needed resources for Biker Down. LFRS will be purchasing CPR mannequins, training defibrillators and helmets over the coming weeks to assist with the future delivery of these sessions.

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 Equality and Diversity 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
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		