

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday, 16 December 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 December 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 – Cllr Tony Williams
- 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 December 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 – Cllr Tony Williams

The Age Safe Thematic Group continue to deliver the priorities identified earlier this year which focus on communication, social isolation, dementia and supporting the Winter Safety Campaign. We continue to build on our relations with the agencies and voluntary groups that care for older people both on local and strategic level. We are also progressing well with engaging with older person groups such as the 50+ Forums across Lancashire. They have circulated details of our Home Fire safety Check service and how to access in their quarterly newsletter to all the forums across Lancashire.

This October saw the launch of a new media campaign called #Nosey Neighbour. This forms part of the Winter Safety Campaign and aims to encourage people to

check on loved ones, neighbours, both known and unknown. Christmas cards have been produced with safety messages to support the campaign and can be given out to those people who have been identified as potentially lonely or socially isolated.

This campaign has had a very positive start and to date the service have given out over 5500 Christmas cards to members of public, local business, community groups and partners such as Lancashire Combined Watch Forum, Lancashire Volunteer Partnership and Age UK. In addition to this, all areas have comprehensive activity plans to deliver the winter safety campaign locally, targeting older, socially isolated older people ensuring the safe and well packs are given to those who need them the most.

The dementia task group continue to issue the Guardian Angel and 999 ReUnite devices to help people living with dementia and also fully engage with Dementia Hubs, Dementia Action Alliance and Dementia Friendly Community groups across Lancashire.

Councillor Tony Williams is now supporting the Age Safe Group and we will be meeting with him in the next couple of weeks to update him on the current priorities.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – Councillor Zamir Khan

The Service has updated its Maternity and Childcare Pack and Shared Parental Leave Policy.

The Service Race and Religion Group has been mapping emergency communities with a view to using this information to inform the LFRS SAOR and the LFRS Integrated Risk Management Plan.

Health & Wellbeing – County Councillor Hasina Khan

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On 27 September the Service took part in Macmillan Coffee Mornings and lunchtime events across the county. Staff baked and ate cake and savories across fire stations, Service Training Centre and Service Headquarters - raising awareness and money to help support people with cancer.

Supporting Staff after Retirement

Staff can find it difficult and be at a loss after retirement. They may lose touch with their friends and colleagues from work and can feel a loss of identity which the Service gave them. To help staff prepare for the impacts that retirement may bring the content of the pre-retirement course has been refreshed to include opportunities and lifestyle choices to help staff find ways to adjust to their future life after the Fire Service and during retirement.

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. 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

continues working on increasing the delivery of Wasted Lives within high schools across Lancashire.

LFRS is a proactive member of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) and supports multi-agency events / productions such as Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) to colleges and Biker Down to members of the public (teaches how to aid the motorcyclist at scene who has had an accident). The LRSP has been nominated as a finalist for the Fire Excellence Awards in London on 06 December 2019. Additionally, members of the LRSP were speakers at the National Road Safety Great Britain Conference in November 2019 where they talked about the excellent road safety partnership arrangements that are in place in Lancashire.

Acting Area Manager Tony Crook has been appointed as the next National Fire Chiefs Council Lead Officer for Road Safety and will take up this position in January 2020. Councillor Fred Jackson Member Champion for road safety continues to keenly support road safety prevention activities.

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
		ACFO Ben Norman
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		