
Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 23 March 2023

Subject: Council Champions

Report by: Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the role and remit of Champions for various issues; and the approach for nominations.

2.0 Recommendations

That Council:

- 2.1. Agrees that the approach taken to deciding champions for various issues is to nominate the most relevant political post holder;
- 2.2. Agrees to nominate the specific champions set out in the table at paragraph 3.3;
- 2.3. Agrees the role and remit for each "Champion" set out in Paragraphs 3.4 – 3.10.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. From 2007, the Council has a record of appointing Champions to support various issues across Clackmannanshire. Following the election in May 2022, there were no appointments to the existing "Champion" positions and this report aims to consider the areas and the issues that would benefit from the support of a Champion.
- 3.2. It is proposed that the relevant political post holder becomes champion for those issues for which Council wishes to nominate one.

3.3. It is recommended that the political postholder listed is appointed champion:

Champions	
Champion for Carers	Spokesperson for Health and Social Care
Champion for Veterans	Provost
Champion for Armed Forces	Provost
Champion for Older People	Spokesperson for Housing & Property
Champion for Equalities	Council Leader
Champion for Climate Change	Spokesperson for Environment and Net Zero
Champion for Children & Young People	Spokesperson for Education
Champion for The Promise	Council Leader

3.4. The role and remit for the Champion for Carers is as follows:

- To act as a link between the Council and Carers in the local area.
- To recognise and value the contributions that Carers play
- To listen and reflect the views of Carers, standing up for their interests and finding out what they expect from local decision-makers.
- To be part of a network of Carers Champions within Councils from across Scotland in supporting ongoing implementation of the Carer's Act and wider policy for unpaid carers.

3.5. The role and remit for the Champion for Veterans and Armed Forces is as follows:

- To be an advocate in upholding the principles of Clackmannanshire's Armed Forces Covenant, which are:
 - no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen
 - in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.
- Promote the Council as an Armed Forces-friendly organisation;
- Strive to support the employment of veterans young and old in order to establish a tailored employment pathways for Service Leavers;
- Strive to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;

- Raise awareness to help understanding and application of the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant.
- Advocate and promote our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;
- Provide community leadership in Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Day events

3.6. The role and remit for the Champion for Older People is as follows:

- To act as a link between the Council and older people in the local area.
- To recognise and value the contributions that older people play in our society.
- To listen and reflect the views of our older community, standing up for the interests of older people; and finding out what they expect from local decision-makers.
- With a growing older population, it is vital that local decision-making meets the needs and aspirations of older people and that Council better understands those needs and aspirations.
- To be part of a network of Older People's Champions within Councils from across Scotland formed by the Age Scotland and the Scottish Older People's Assembly's (SOPA) campaign, which will be a voice for older people at local and national level, who will work together on shared challenges and will collectively influence for change.

3.7. The role and remit for the Champion for Equalities is as follows:

- To act as a link between the Council, disadvantaged communities and groups with protected characteristics in the local area.
- To recognise and value the contributions of all community voices in our society.
- To listen to and reflect the views of disadvantaged communities and groups with protected characteristics, standing up for their interests; and finding out what they expect from local decision-makers.
- To engage with any networks representing disadvantaged communities and groups with protected characteristics at a local and national level, working together on shared challenges and will collectively influence for change
- To highlight issues and promote action to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls
- To promote trauma-informed practice across our workforce, our services, and with our partners, valuing the contribution of people with lived experience

3.8. The role and remit for the Champion for Climate Change is as follows:

- To support and advocate progress towards annual greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for Clackmannanshire Council's operations with a view to net zero being reached by 2040 at the latest
- To advocate and encourage progress towards greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the Clackmannanshire area with net zero being reached by 2045 at the latest
- To act as a link between the Council and community groups improving Clackmannanshire's preparation for and resilience to the impacts of Climate Change.

3.9. The role and remit for the Champion for Children and Young People is as follows:

- To recognise and promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- To act as a link between the Council and Children and Young People in the local area.
- To recognise and value the contributions of Children and Young People in our society.
- To listen and reflect the views of Children and Young People, standing up for their interests; and finding out what they expect from local decision-makers.
- To engage with Children and Young Peoples' groups and networks at a local and national level, working together on shared challenges to collectively influence change.
- To act on behalf of children and young people with additional support needs/disabilities

3.10. The role and remit for the Champion for The Promise is as follows:

- To champion the Council's pledge to keep The Promise: by advocating that children and their families are at the heart of what we do; so that every child growing up in Clackmannanshire is loved, safe and respected, and able to meet their full potential
- To raise awareness of The Promise and promote the Council as an organisation who is striving to keep The Promise
- To recognise and promote the role of the Council and its partners as corporate parents to our care experienced children and young people, and strive to reduce inequalities and stigma faced by young people with care experience

- To recognise that children, young people and their families must be involved in the design of services and be a part of the decision making about how services work
- To raise awareness of the importance of local care provision for children and young people who require it. This includes promoting the recruitment of local carers, as well as increasing support and training for kinship carers.
- Adopt the Corporate Sponsor Pledge to demonstrate their commitment to The Promise and reframing the language used within care.
- Demonstrate community leadership during key national celebrations within the calendar year which raise awareness of The Promise, e.g. national care day, kinship week, fostering fortnight.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. None

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. None Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. *Staffing*

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve

their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so

that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None.

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

Author(s)

NAME	DESIGNATION	TEL NO / EXTENSION
Lee Robertson	Senior Manager, Legal and Governance	2087

Approved by

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
Stuart Crickmar	Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance	