

Denbighshire County Council

Role Description – Older People’s Champion

Accountability

To the Full Council

Role, purpose and activities

1. To act as a strong strategic leader on raising and promoting older people’s issues.
2. To argue, support and defend the concerns, issues and needs of older people in the Councils’ area.
3. To establish good working relationships with officers and others driving forward the strategies, policies and plans.
4. To gain an understanding of older people’s issues and the Council’s statutory obligations to them and where required to explain the duties.
5. To commit to attending nationally facilitated events (such as provided by the WLGA) and to consider making your own regional, cross border and national links as are necessary such as health and equalities champions in local health structures.
6. In addition to health and social care, to contribute to the shift in focus towards the economic contribution of older people, the opportunities to encourage an active life and the benefits of maintaining independence; promoting a positive image for older people.
7. To ensure that older people are and remain a priority in the Councils’ work. As a spokesperson to keep issues at the forefront of debate; raising awareness amongst fellow elected members on older people’s issues and the implications of these for the Council.
8. To promote the wider local democracy in the involvement, participation and engagement of older people in the planning and reviewing of all aspects of a local authority’s work, including service delivery and policy development.
9. To consider and highlight the role of public, private and third sectors in bringing forward solutions.
10. To attend training and regular briefings.
11. To visit projects run by the voluntary and third sector and to learn from the experience and knowledge of older people’s organizations.
12. To keep abreast of the evolving impact of national and legislative changes.
13. Where required, in conjunction with the Lead Member (if relevant) and the Councils’ Communications team, to engage with the media.
14. To consider the role of Carer’s Champion and its impact on this role and whether to work together where appropriate.

Person Specification

Within the Council

Understanding of the area of interest being championed in terms of council strategies and policy, good practice, improvement and national agendas and the needs of the client group

Ability to engage with a range of members and officers around the area of interest and listening to requirements

Ability to advocate on behalf of the area of interest within the council

In the Community

Understanding of the needs of the community in relation to the interest

Ability to engage with citizens and community groups in matters related to the interest.

Ability to lead and support local initiatives related to the interest.

Ability to represent the position of the council to the community in relation to the interest.

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Role Description – Homelessness Champion

Accountability

To the Full Council

Role, purpose and activities

1. To act as a strong strategic leader on homelessness and raising and promoting homelessness issues.
2. To gain an understanding of homelessness, its' causes and the Council's statutory obligations and where required to explain the duties.
3. To advocate the importance of prevention and responding proactively to homelessness; including advocating realistic funding regimes to provide efficient and effective services for vulnerable families and individuals at risk of homelessness.
4. To gain an understanding of the work of the teams in Housing services including the Homelessness unit and the Supporting People team, promoting these internally and externally. To reflect back to the teams, via appropriate channels, how the service is perceived in the community.
5. To consider and highlight the role of public, private and third sectors in bringing forward solutions.
6. To attend training and regular briefings from the Homelessness team.
7. To visit projects run by the voluntary sector.
8. To keep abreast of the evolving impact of national and legislative changes.
9. As a spokesperson to keep issues at the forefront of debate; raising awareness amongst fellow elected members of homelessness issues and the implications of these for the Council.
10. Where required, in conjunction with the Lead Member and the Councils' Communications team, to engage with the media.

Person Specification

Within the Council

Understanding of the area of interest being championed in terms of council strategies and policy, good practice, improvement and national agendas and the needs of the client group

Ability to engage with a range of members and officers around the area of interest and listening to requirements

Ability to advocate on behalf of the area of interest within the council

In the Community

Understanding of the needs of the community in relation to the interest

Ability to engage with citizens and community groups in matters related to the interest.

Ability to lead and support local initiatives related to the interest.

Ability to represent the position of the council to the community in relation to the interest.

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Role Description - Carers Champion

Accountability

To the Full Council

Role, purpose and activities

1. To act as a strong strategic leader on raising and promoting issues affecting Carers.
2. To argue, support and defend the concerns, issues and needs of Carers in the Councils' area.
3. To gain an understanding of the needs of Carers across all service user groups, and to share this with Member colleagues. This may necessitate regular contact with Carers.
4. To raise awareness (amongst fellow Elected Members) of the issues facing Carers, and the implications of these for Social Services.
5. Wherever possible, in conjunction with the relevant Lead Member, highlight the needs of Carers, and to act as a Champion within the Council with a view to ensuring that the Council responds to these needs appropriately.
6. To familiarise him/herself with the range of services and organisations available to support Carers locally.
7. To ensure the needs of Carers are and remain a priority in the Councils' work. As a spokesperson to keep issues at the forefront of debate; raising awareness amongst fellow elected members on such issues and the implications of these for the Council.
8. To promote the wider local democracy in the involvement, participation and engagement of Carers in the planning and reviewing of all aspects of a local authority's work, including service delivery and policy development.
9. To keep up to date with developments in local, regional and national strategies, and any legislative changes in regard to Carers, as they occur.
10. To keep up to date with any changes to policy or procedures relating to Carers and to attend relevant training.
11. To become a standing member of the multi-agency Denbighshire Carers Strategy Group.
12. To attend local key events for Carers, e.g. Carers Rights Day Carers week events and conferences.
13. To attend regional and national events in relation to Carers, where possible, e.g. conferences, meetings and forums.
14. Where required, in conjunction with the Lead Member (if relevant) and the Councils' Communications team, to engage with the media.
15. To consider the roles of Older People's Champion and Learning Disability Champion and its impact on this role and whether to work together where appropriate.

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Ability to engage with a range of members and officers around the area of interest and listening to requirements

Ability to advocate on behalf of the area of interest within the council

In the Community

Understanding of the needs of the community in relation to the interest
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Role Description – Learning Disabilities Champion

Accountabilities

To Full Council

Role Purpose and Activities

1. To act as a strong strategic leader on raising and promoting issues affecting persons with a learning disability.
2. To argue, support and defend the concerns, issues and needs of the Learning Disabled in the Councils' area.
3. To establish good working relationships with officers and others driving forward the strategies, policies and plans.
4. To gain an understanding of the issues and the Council's statutory obligations to them and where required to explain the duties.
5. To commit to attending nationally facilitated events (such as provided by the WLGA) and to consider making your own regional, cross border and national links as are necessary such as health and equalities champions in local health structures.
6. In addition to health and social care, to contribute to the shift in focus towards the economic contribution of the Learning Disabled community, the opportunities for an active and social life, and the benefits of maintaining independence with or without support.
7. To ensure that persons with a learning disability are and remain a priority in the Councils' work. As a spokesperson to keep issues at the forefront of debate; raising awareness amongst fellow elected members on such issues and the implications of these for the Council.
8. To promote the wider local democracy in the involvement, participation and engagement of persons with a learning disability and carers in the planning and reviewing of all aspects of a local authority's work, including service delivery and policy development.
9. To consider and highlight the role of public, private and third sectors in bringing forward solutions.
10. To attend training and regular briefings.
11. To visit projects run by the voluntary and third sector and to learn from the experience and knowledge of learning disabled organizations.
12. To keep abreast of the evolving impact of national and legislative changes.
13. Where required, in conjunction with the Lead Member (if relevant) and the Councils' Communications team, to engage with the media.
14. To consider the role of Carer's Champion and its impact on this role and whether to work together where appropriate.

Person Specification

Within the Council

Understanding of the area of interest being championed in terms of council strategies and policy, good practice, improvement and national agendas and the needs of the client group

Ability to engage with a range of members and officers around the area of interest and listening to requirements

Ability to advocate on behalf of the area of interest within the council

In the Community

Understanding of the needs of the community in relation to the interest

Ability to engage with citizens and community groups in matters related to the interest.

Ability to lead and support local initiatives related to the interest.

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