

Report to: County Council

Date of meeting: 9th April 2013

Lead Member/Officer: Lead Member for Modernising and Performance

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Title: Appointment of a Homelessness Champion

1 What is the report about?

1.1 The appointment of a Homelessness Champion.

2 What is the reason for making this report?

2.1 To appoint a Member of the Council to the role of Homelessness Champion.

3 What are the recommendations?

3.1 That Council appoints a Member to the role of Homelessness Champion.

4 Report details

4.1 The Council's Constitution currently identifies four Champion roles. These are:

- Older People's Champion
- Homelessness Champion
- Carers' Champion
- Learning Disabilities Champion

4.2 At its meeting on the 6th November 2012 Council resolved that the four Champion roles set out in 4.1 above should be appointed at the Council meeting on 4th December 2012 and adopted role descriptions for these Champions. These role descriptions are set out in Appendix 1.

4.3 At its meeting on 4th December 2012 Council appointed the following Champions:

- Older People's Champion – Councillor R L Feeley
- Carers' Champion – Councillor J A Davies
- Learning Disabilities Champion – Councillor J R Bartley

4.4 At that time there were no nominations for the role of Homelessness Champion. It was agreed that the role of Homelessness Champion would be considered by the Corporate Governance Committee along with other suggested Champion roles.

- 4.5 The Corporate Governance Committee considered whether to recommend further Champion roles at its meeting on 27th February 2013.
- 4.6 A copy of the report presented to Corporate Governance Committee is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4.7 Corporate Governance Committee determined not to recommend further Champion roles but did resolve that the role of Homelessness Champion should be retained and filled as soon as possible.
- 4.8 All Councillors were asked by email dated 12th March 2013 to indicate whether they wished to be considered for the role of Homelessness Champion and to submit a curriculum vitae for circulation with this report.
- 4.9 The curricula vitae that have been received are attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

5 How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

- 5.1 The role of Homelessness Champion will contribute to the priority of ensuring access to good quality housing.

6 What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

- 6.1 There are no implications for other services as a result of this report.

7 What consultations have been carried out?

- 7.1 The Corporate Governance Committee has considered the roles of Champions and recommended that the role of Homelessness Champion be filled. All Councillors have been asked to indicate whether they wish to be considered.

8 Chief Finance Officer Statement

- 8.1 There are no additional costs associated with the appointment of Homeless Champion.

9 What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

- 9.1 There are no risks identified.

10 Power to make the decision?

- 10.1 Article 2.6 Council Constitution.