

Champions' Role and Remit

Champions		
1. Armed Forces and Veterans	One	Cllr John Greenwell
2. Opportunities for Young People	One	Cllr James Anderson
3. Education & Young People	One	Cllr Annette Smart
4. Deaf Community	One	Cllr Elaine Thornton Nicol
5. Dementia Champion	One	Cllr Elaine Thornton Nicol
6. Energy Efficiency	One	Cllr Neil Mackinnon
7. Equalities	One	Cllr Mark Rowley
8. Wellbeing & Safety	One	Cllr Pam Brown
9. Learning & Physical Disabilities	One	Cllr Aileen Orr
10. Older People	One	Cllr Elaine Thornton Nicol
11. Voluntary Sector	One	Cllr Viv Thomson
12. <i>The Arts*</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Cllr John PatonDay</i>

* Still to be approved by Council.

1. Older People's Champion Role

The Older People's Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that older people's voices are heard, giving older people the opportunity to live independent lives and supporting older people to stay in the community.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, council colleagues and older people themselves to identify the key issues which affect people locally. This will include collecting and feeding back on older people's concerns to the Council, leading on Council campaigns around older people's issues and communicating council policy back to the community and voluntary sector bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to older people, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the older people's agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of older people from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by older people would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

2. Armed Forces and Veterans Champion Role (AFVC)

The Armed Forces and Veterans Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that those who serve their country in the armed forces, and those who have served, have their voices heard.

The Champion will work to ensure the service and sacrifice of armed forces personnel is recognised and respected.

The AFVC will help to assist those who have served their country, by raising awareness of the challenges they may face in civilian life and by sign posting them to public and other services, where required, to help them to live independent, fulfilled lives in the Borders.

They will help shape priorities that assist armed forces personnel and veterans and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, council colleagues, and armed forces and veterans themselves, to identify the key issues which affect service and ex-service personnel locally.

This will include participating in acts of remembrance, collecting and feeding back on people's concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns such as armed forces day and communicating with veterans groups.

Where appropriate the AFVC will represent the Council in matters relating to the armed forces, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Participating in acts of remembrance
- * Any other activities relevant to the Armed Forces and Veterans

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of service personal and veterans from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by service personnel would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

3. Opportunities for Young People's Champion Role (OYPC)

The Opportunities for Young People's Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that young people who are care experienced have their voices heard.

They will raise awareness of the real barriers that exist for care experienced young people and of the opportunities that exist for them to access employment, training and work experiences that will help them lead independent, fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, Council colleagues and young care experienced people themselves to identify the key issues which affect such young people locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back on young care experienced people's concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around the issues that affect them and communicating Council policy back to the community and voluntary sector bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to young care experienced people, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attend local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the young care experienced people's agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of young care experienced people from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by young care experienced people would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

4. Education and Young People's Champion Role (EYPC)

The Education and Young People's Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that young peoples have their voices heard.

They will raise awareness of the opportunities that exist for young people to access education, further vocational or higher education, training and work experiences that will help them lead independent, fulfilled lives and reach their full potential.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, Council colleagues and young people themselves to identify the key issues which affect young people locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back on young people's concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around the issues that affect them and communicating Council policy back to tertiary education, community and voluntary sector bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to young people, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attend local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the education and young people's agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of young people from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by young people would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

5. Deaf People's Champion Role (DPC)

The Deaf People's Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that Deaf people are able to live independent, fulfilled lives in the Borders.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, council colleagues and deaf people themselves to identify the key issues which affect deaf people locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back on deaf people's concerns to the Council, leading on Council campaigns around the issues that affect deaf people, communicating council policy back to the deaf community and voluntary and independent sector bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to deaf people, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attend local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the deaf people's agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of deaf people from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by deaf people and the ability to communicate effectively using British sign language would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

6. People Living with Dementia Champion Role

The Dementia Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that those living with dementia and their families and carers have their voices heard. They will work to ensure those living with dementia are given the opportunity to live as independently as possible in the community with appropriate support.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, council colleagues and those living with dementia themselves to identify the key issues which affect them locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back people's concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around the issues that affect people living with dementia and communicating Council policy back to individuals, the community and voluntary sector bodies.

Where appropriate the Champion will represent the Council in matters relating to people living with dementia, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attend local and National meetings
- * Ensuring new services are designed with those living with dementia, their families and carers
- * Any other activities relevant to the dementia agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of people living with dementia from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by people living with dementia would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

7. Energy Efficiency Champion Role

The Energy Efficiency Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that energy efficiency is a key consideration in the design of buildings and the delivery of Council services.

They will raise awareness of the importance of reducing the Council's carbon footprint and help shape priorities, working with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, and council colleagues to help tackle the climate emergency by improving SBC's energy usage.

They will challenge officers and members to promote energy efficiency in all our activities, collecting and feeding back on issues to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around energy efficiency and communicating Council policy back to the community and voluntary sector bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to energy efficiency, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the energy efficiency agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing those with an interest in energy efficiency from across the local area. The current Champion is a member of the Sustainable Development Committee

Experience of the working to promote energy issues and sustainability would be beneficial but the ability to represent the views of others is more important.

8. Equalities Champion Role

The Equalities Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that all people belonging to groups with protected characteristics under the Equalities legislation have their voices heard.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, council colleagues and those with protected characteristics themselves to identify the key equalities issues which affect people locally. This will include collecting and feeding back on people's concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around equalities issues and communicating Council policy back to the community and voluntary sector bodies and those organisations representing equalities groups.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to people with protected characteristics, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attend local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the equalities agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of those with protected characteristics from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by people with protected characteristics would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

9. Wellbeing and Safety Champion Role (WSC)

The Wellbeing and Safety Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that wellbeing and safety issues are paramount in the workplace for council staff and those in our care.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, and council colleagues to identify the key health and safety issues and promote measures to address them.

This will include collecting and feeding back on staff and service users concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around health and safety issues and communicating Council policy back to the staff, clients, community and voluntary sector bodies.

They will attend the council's Wellbeing and Safety committee.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to health and safety, for example:

- * Launching new health and safety initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Liaise with all Elected Members on wellbeing & safety, receiving feedback from Members on any wellbeing & safety issues they come across, and directing these issues to the relevant officers.
- * Any other activities relevant to the agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the health and safety agenda across the local area.

Experience of health and safety issues and a working knowledge of key legislation and responsibilities would be beneficial.

10. Learning and Physical Disability Champion Role (LPDC)

The Champion for people living with Learning and/or Physical Disability will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that those people with disabilities are able to live independent, fulfilled lives in the Borders.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the public, voluntary and independent sectors, council colleagues and people living with disabilities themselves to identify the key issues which affect them locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back on people's concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around the issues that affect people living with learning or physical disabilities, communicating Council policy and liaising with voluntary sector bodies providing services to, or representing, people living with disabilities.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to people living with a disability, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the learning and disabilities agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of those with disabilities from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by those living with disabilities would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

11. Voluntary Sector Champion Role (VSC)

The Voluntary Sector Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that the voices of the voluntary or third sector are heard.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from the voluntary sector to identify the key issues which affect voluntary groups locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back on their concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around issues affecting Voluntary Sector groups and communicating Council policy back to these bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to voluntary groups, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to the voluntary sector agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of the voluntary or third sector from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by the third sector would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

12. The Arts

The Arts Champion will be an Elected Member of the Council who will work to ensure that those involved in creative expression through visual, literary, and performing arts, have their voices heard.

They will help shape priorities and work with partners from The Arts sector to identify the key issues which affect groups locally.

This will include collecting and feeding back on their concerns to wider Council, leading on Council campaigns around issues affecting The Arts groups and communicating Council policy back to these bodies.

Where appropriate the individual will represent the Council in matters relating to The Arts groups, for example:

- * Launching new initiatives
- * Participating in focus groups
- * Attending local and National meetings
- * Any other activities relevant to The Arts agenda.

The appointee may be in the political administration or from out-with the administration, as the role is apolitical, with a focus on representing the voices of The Arts from across the local area.

Experience of the issues faced by The Arts sector would be beneficial but the ability to empathise and represent the views of others is more important.

