

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE
AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

8 SEPTEMBER 2011

Subject: MEMBER CHAMPIONS 2011/12

Report of the Clerk

SUMMARY

The Authority is requested to nominate Members to serve as Member Champions for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

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1. At the meeting of the Authority AGM on 23rd June 2011 it was agreed that Members would provide expressions of interest to fill these positions on a cross-party basis for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.
2. The Democratic Services Manager sent an email to all Members seeking expressions of interest to fill these positions on 29th July 2011.
3. The Authority is requested to nominate Members to serve as Member Champions to the following subject areas for the 2011/12 Municipal Year:
 - Absence Management
 - Children and Young People
 - Efficiency Savings
 - Member Development
 - Inclusivity
 - Fire Control
 - Sustainability
4. A copy of the Member Champion – Terms of Reference is attached at Appendix A of this report, for information.

2010/11 Appointments

- (i) Member Champion for Absence Management: Chairman of the Human Resources Committee (Councillor Iain Lindley)
- (ii) Member Champion for Children and Young People: Vice-Chairman of the Human Resources Committee (Councillor Wendy Meikle)
- (iii) Member Champion for Efficiency Savings: Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (Councillor Derek Heffernan)

- (iv) Member Champion for Inclusivity: Chairman of the Authority and Chairman of the Inclusivity Scrutiny Group (Councillor Paul Shannon and Councillor Paul Ankers)
- (v) Member Champion for Fire Control: Leader of the Opposition (Councillor Fred Walker)
- (vi) Member Champion for Member Development: Vice-Chairman of the Authority (Councillor John Bell)
- (vii) Member Champion for Sustainability: Chairman of the Inclusivity Scrutiny Group (Councillor Paul Ankers)

RECOMMENDATIONS

5.
 1. That the Authority appoint Members to the above Member Champion subject areas for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.
 2. That the Member Champion Terms of Reference be noted.

JOYCE REDFEARN
CLERK

There are no background papers to this report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

J. Redfearn
(Proper Officer)
21.08.11

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MEMBER CHAMPION – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The function of member Champions is essentially to:

- Promote and take an active interest in the designated subject area.
- Ensure issues of concern regarding the designated subject area are taken into account in the preparation of key plans.
- Ensure issues of concern on the designated subject area are taken into account during decision making processes.
- Advocate good practice within the Fire Authority on matters relating to the designated subject area.
- Engage with other Fire Authority Members to promote awareness of the designated subject area and to seek their views.
- Engage with relevant community groups on issues related to the designated subject area.
- Engage with relevant partners on issues related to the designated subject area.
- Work with relevant officers to ensure clear understanding of the designated subject area (i.e. by the Champion and by the officers).
- Provide challenge on matters relating to the designated subject area.
- Attend conferences, seminars events etc and represent the Fire Authority where this is appropriate to the designated subject area.
- Undertake awareness training, as necessary, in respect of the designated subject area.

There are six Member Champion roles and each Member Champion is supported by a Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) Member. These are as follows:-

- Absence Management – supported by DPOD.
- Efficiency Savings – supported by DFTS.
- Sustainability and the Environment – supported by DFTS.

- Inclusivity – supported by DPOD.
- Children and Young People – supported by DPP.
- Member Development – supported by DCAS.

The CLT Member role is to:-

- Assist the relevant Champion understand the role and its scope/ limitations.
- Be a first point of contact for help and information.
- Explain fire authority procedures where they are likely to impact on the role.
- Work with other lead officers to identify support issues.
- Assist in the learning and development needs of the Champion.
- Arrange for administrative support where this is required.
- Ensure that matters of importance relating to the designated subject area are brought to the attention of the Champion.

Adopted by the Meeting of the Authority on 12th February 2009.