

ARTICLE 10 – CHAMPIONS

1 Appointment of Champions

At its discretion the Council may from time to time designate Champions from amongst Councillors.

2 Term of Office

Councillors who are designated as Champions shall hold office until:

- (a) they resign from office;
- (b) they are no longer Councillors; or
- (c) until the commencement of the next Annual Meeting of the Council except that the Council may remove from office at its discretion.

3 Role and Functions

To act as a positive focus for the local community at elected member level in respect of the relevant section of the community or range of activities designated by the Council so as to ensure that full consideration is given to the impact of Council activities and decisions upon the section of the community or range of activities.

4 Key Tasks

- (a) To make contact with local organisations concerned with the designated section of the community or range of activities and to establish effective and regular consultation arrangements with those organisations.
- (b) To represent the views of such organisations to the Council, Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny and other Committees and to officers on all relevant aspects of the Council's activities.
- (c) To act as an advocate on behalf of the relevant section of the community or range of activities within the Council as an organisation and to the wider community.
- (d) To become familiar with the needs and priorities of the relevant section of the community or range of activities concerned and to weigh up interests expressed in order to provide sound advice on the implications of alternative courses of action.
- (e) To feedback decisions of the Borough Council and to explain the Council's position on specific issues of concern to relevant organisations and to individuals involved.
- (f) To publish an annual report on work undertaken over each year for consideration by the Council.