

CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
30 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

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COUNCIL CHAMPIONS PROTOCOL

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	Deadline date: 16 October 2024
It is recommended that the Constitution and Ethics Committee endorses the revised Council Champions protocol and recommends it to Full Council for adoption and inclusion in the Constitution.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to following the following the resolution of the Constitution and Ethics Committee at its meeting on 5 February 2024 to further amend the proposed changes to the Council Champions protocol to amend 2.1 of the report to incorporate the Constitution and Ethics Committee's involvement in the appointment process.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider whether it wishes to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Council Champions protocol.
- 2.2 This report is for the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.7.2.1:

Authority to oversee the operation of the Council's Constitution and authority to make recommendations to Full Council as to amendments and improvements to the Council's Constitution (including the codes and protocols) subject to the receipt and consideration of a report prepared by the Monitoring Officer, with the exception of those matters under the remit of the Executive.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 At its meeting of 17 July 2023, the Constitution and Ethics Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the following Change Champion positions:

- Tree Champion
- Dementia Champion
- City Centre Champion

4.2 Following this, there was a request from the Leader of the Council to include the role of Cycle Champion in the list of Champion roles previously agreed and a report was submitted to the Constitution and Ethics Committee on 5 February 2024.

4.3 At the meeting of the Constitution and Ethics Committee on 5 February 2024 the Monitoring Officer was asked to further amend the proposed changes to the Council Champions Protocol prior to the changes being recommended on to Full Council.

5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5.1 The recommendation links to the following Council Corporate Priorities:

4. Sustainable Future City Council
 - How we Work
 - How we Serve
 - How we Enable

Further information on the Council's Priorities can be found here - [Link to Corporate Strategy and Priorities Webpage](#)

5.2 The report contains no proposals for changes to service delivery and therefore there is no decision to take which may impact carbon emissions of the Council or the city.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 The Leader of the Council considered the proposal and suggested the inclusion of a Cycle/Active Travel Champion and that the report be brought to the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider the role.

6.2 The Constitution and Ethics Committee have considered reports on the proposed Council Champions protocols at its meetings held on 17 July 2023 and 5 February 2024.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

7.1 The Council Champions protocol was approved in July. If the proposal of a Cycle Champion is agreed by the Committee, the protocol will be updated to reflect this. Council Champions will be able to raise the profile of their area and ensure that it is considered by the Executive, Council Committees and Council Officers.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

8.1 To consider whether to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Council Champions protocol.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 To not adopt the Council Champion protocol.

10. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

10.1 None.

Legal Implications

10.2 None.

Equalities Implications

10.3 None.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

11.1 Report to Constitution and Ethics Committee 5 February 2024 – Item 6: Appointment of a Cycle Council Champion

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix A: Local Protocol – Member Champions

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