

Eden District Council

Council

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Appointment of Homelessness Champion

Report from:	Assistant Director Governance
Wards:	All Wards
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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To appoint a Homelessness Champion for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/21.

2 Recommendation

It is recommended that a Homelessness Champion be appointed for the municipal year 2020/21.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 Eden District Council currently has three Member Champions in relation to:
- a) Armed Forces;
 - b) Children and Young People; and
 - c) Older People

The Homelessness Review and Strategy/Action Plan which Council agreed to adopt on 27 February 2020 recommended that an elected councillor be selected to champion the issue of homelessness across all of Eden District Council's business.

- 3.2 The appointment of a Homelessness Champion will help to tackle homelessness and achieve the objectives of the Homelessness Review and Strategy/Action Plan.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Sustainable;
 - Healthy, safe and secure;
 - Connected; and
 - Creative
- 4.2 This report meets the sustainable corporate priority

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The Housing and Health Portfolio Holder was consulted.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023 as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.

There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources as the Member elected to serve as Homelessness Champion will not receive any additional allowance

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 A Member can be expected to act and should act in the best interests of the role to which they are appointed and with due regard to any of the relevant Codes of Practice which apply to such a role and should take into account the professional advice of the officers of Eden District Council and other relevant bodies.

6.3 Human Resources

- 6.3.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	None arising from this report
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	None arising from this report
Crime and Disorder	None arising from this report
Children and Safeguarding	None arising from this report

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Members will need to consider any issues that arise in relation to their appointment to this role.	Members will need to consider their responsibilities and duties within this role and clarify what insurance provisions are and will be available.	Members are generally expected to act in the best interest of Eden District Council when undertaking their duties. Members should seek advice in any instances of doubt or concern through the Council or other outside body.

7 Other Options Considered

- 7.1 No other options have been considered in relation to this report. Whilst Members could decide not to appoint a Homelessness Champion, it would not be in the best interests of the Council to do so.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

- 8.1 To enable a Homelessness Champion to help tackle homelessness and achieve the objectives of the Homelessness Review and Strategy/Action Plan.

Background Papers: None

**Appendices: Appendix A – Homelessness Champion Role
Description**

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