

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	26th May 2020	
TITLE:	Appointment of Member Advocates	
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 – Member Advocate Role description		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Council has a scheme to appoint Member Advocates who provide a voice for certain interests within the Council or community.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to;

- 2.1 Appoint the following Councillors as Member Advocates;

MEMBER ADVOCATE	AREA	CABINET MEMBER
Cllr Sue Craig	Great Spas of Europe	Cllr Paul Crossley
Cllr Jess David	Biodiversity	Cllr Sarah Warren
Cllr Alan Hale	Safer Roads	Cllr Joanna Wright
Cllr Yuktेशwar Kumar	BAME issues	Cllr Dine Romero
Cllr Ruth Malloy	Twinning	Chair of Standing Committee
Cllr Paul Myers	Community & Public Buildings	Cllrs Tim Ball/Paul Crossley
Cllr Alastair Singleton	Renewable Energy	Cllr Sarah Warren

Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall	Engagement with students	Cllr Dine Romero
Cllr Chris Watt	Looked After Children	Cllr Kevin Guy
Cllr Ryan Wills	Rural Communities	Cllr Dine Romero

2.2 Invite the above Councillors to report briefly to the Council AGM each year on their activity.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 Member Advocates are elected members who, in addition to their other Council responsibilities, make sure that the issue or group that they are championing is taken into consideration when policy is being developed and decisions are made.

3.2 This may cover the following types of activity;

- (1) Asking questions about performance and resourcing for the issue;
- (2) Raise the profile of the issue and make the authority aware of good practice
- (3) Engage with external bodies and community groups who work or have an interest in the issue.

3.3 The Advocate will work co-operatively with the relevant Cabinet member and cannot commit the Council or work outside the political management or executive arrangements.

3.4 The full description of the role is attached.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Members must operate within the parameters of the role description.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from these proposals.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 Members must operate within the parameters of the role description.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 There are no direct implications from this appointment. Member Advocates do not have decision making powers; however, climate change issues may be part of the Advocates' consideration.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Group Leaders.

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Background papers	
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