

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	20th July 2023	
TITLE:	Appointment of Member Advocates	
WARD:	All	
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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 Jess David	Green Infrastructure & Nature Recovery	Cllr Sarah Warren
Cllr Fiona Gourley	Rural communities	Cllr Sarah Warren
Cllr Kevin Guy	Armed Forces and Veterans	
Cllr Alan Hale	Safer Roads	Cllr Manda Rigby
Cllr Ian Halsall	Engagement with Students	Cllr Paul May
Cllr Liz Hardman	Looked after children	Cllr Paul May

Cllr Saskia Heijltjes	Active Travel - Bath	Cllr Sarah Warren
Cllr John Leach	Climate Adaptation	Cllr Sarah Warren
Cllr Ruth Malloy	Great Spa Towns of Europe	Cllrs Matt McCabe and Paul Roper
Cllr Ruth Malloy	Twinning	Cllr Kevin Guy
Cllr Sarah Moore	Accessibility	All portfolios
Cllr Michelle O'Doherty	Homeless people	Cllr Matt McCabe
Cllr Shaun Stephenson McGall	Active Travel - North East Somerset	Cllr Sarah Warren
Cllr Shaun Stephenson McGall	LGBTQ+ issues	All portfolios
Cllr Sam Ross	Rural Housing and community buildings	Cllr Matt McCabe
Cllr George Tomlin	Social Housing Tenants	Cllr Matt McCabe
Cllr Andy Wait	Rivers and waterways	Cllr Tim Ball

2.2 Agree the updated Member Advocate role description; and

2.3 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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