

# **Report to Constitution Working Group**

**Date of meeting: 26 June 2019**



**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Subject:** Constitution - Member Champions Protocol

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**That a report be made to the Council, recommending the adoption of the proposed Member Champions Protocol.**

1. The Council has on occasion, designated Member 'Champions' to act as an advocate or spokesperson for a specific area of its business and activities and to encourage communication and positive action in relation to specific areas of interest.
2. At its meeting on 9 May 2019, the Appointments Panel requested that arrangements for the ongoing appointment of Member Champions and the development of an appropriate protocol for the appointment and role of champions, be referred to the Constitution Working Group for consideration.
3. A draft Member Champions protocol is therefore attached as an appendix to this report. The draft protocol is based to a significant extent on a template protocol that appears to be in use by a number of other local authorities.
4. The Working Group is requested to consider the draft protocol and to recommend its adoption to the Council.

## **Resource Implications:**

The recommendations of this report seek to ensure that the Council's Constitution remains fit for purpose.

## **Legal and Governance Implications:**

The Council's Constitution sets out procedures and rules for the operation of its functions and responsibilities.

## **Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:**

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

## **Consultation Undertaken:**

The draft Member Champions protocol has been subject to consultation with the Monitoring Officer.

## **Background Papers:**

None

**Risk Management:**

The Council's Constitution sets out procedures and rules for the operation of its functions and responsibilities. The Member Champions protocol will be incorporated within the Constitution, once it has been adopted by the Council.

**Equality:**

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.