

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM: Head of Corporate Services**

**REPORT NUMBER    **G3****

**TO: COUNCIL**

**DATE OF MEETING 17 May 2007**

**MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

**1.     PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1     In 2006/07 Members gave consideration to Member Champions, Priority Champions and remuneration for such posts (Papers F91 and F190). Final decisions on these matters need to be made in the future and, to allow Members the opportunity to consider the way forward, it is proposed that the Council continues with the current Member Champion posts.

**2.     RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1     That the Member Champion posts, as set out at paragraph 5.2 of this report, be approved and filled.
  
- 2.2     That the Member Champions be requested to maintain a detailed record of the amount of work carried out, for a period of six months and carry out a form of self-assessment, following which a further report be made to the Council for a decision on the level of SRA to be paid for individual Champion roles.

**3.     FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1     There are no financial implications in continuing with the current Member Champion approach.

**4.     RISK MANAGEMENT**

<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation Measures</b>
Member Champions are not appointed	Low	Marginal	Member Champions are already in place, and the current approach is the one recommended. The Independent Remuneration Panel recommended that a detailed record of the amount of work carried out by Champions be maintained for a period of six months from such appointment and the Champion be required to carry out a form of self-assessment following which a further report be made to the Council for a decision on the level of SRA to be paid for individual Champion roles.

5. **KEY INFORMATION**

5.1 The Council has a number of Member Champions who are given responsibility for:

- Promoting an issue on which the Council has been given a remit by Central Government (for example Children and Young People)
- A local priority issue that the Council wishes to raise the profile of (for example waste management).

5.2 The current Member Champion posts are:

- Waste Management Strategy
- Efficiencies and Procurement
- Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) and Continuous Improvement
- Equalities
- E-government
- Health and Safety
- Children and Young People
- Arts and Culture.

5.3 Member Champions receive no payment for undertaking the role. However, the Independent Remuneration Panel recommended and Council approved that from 2007/08 a Special Responsibility Allowance of up to £838 (being 25% of Basic Allowance) be payable for the Member Champion role, but that prior to any such allowance being paid, a detailed record of the amount of work carried out by an appointed Champion be maintained for a period of six months from such appointment and the Champion be required to carry out a form of self-assessment following which a further report be made to the Council for a decision on the level of SRA to be paid for individual Champion roles.

6. **APPENDICES**

None.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

None.

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