



COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

25 July 2017

Member Champions

Report of Area Manager, Assurance and Assets

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out details of the Authority's Member Champion roles and seeks nominations for the individual roles for the forthcoming two-year period.

Background

2. As part of the approach to developing the Authority's services and engaging with stakeholders, the Authority has sought to 'champion' particular areas of work through a CFA Member Champion role.
3. Member Champions provide the Service with an opportunity to work closely with individual Members to help to develop services and to engage with local communities, staff, councillors and other stakeholders through a closely aligned officer and member relationship.

Member Champion Roles

4. The following Member Champion roles have been identified as bringing significant advantages to the Service and Authority:
 - Community Safety
 - Public Health
 - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
 - Health, Safety & Wellbeing
 - Retained Duty System
 - Young Firefighters & Fire Cadets
5. The individual role requirements for each Member Champion are set out in Appendices A-F.
6. Given the extremely challenging financial position facing public services, the role of a Member Champion is more important than ever if the Service is to ensure performance is sustained over the medium to longer term.
7. Any Members undertaking a Member Champion role will gain a significant amount of personal development in relation to the specific role being undertaken, whilst the Service benefits from the local knowledge, experience and public standing of Members.
8. Details of work undertaken by Member Champions will be recorded on individual training and development records.

Expressions of Interest

9. Members are requested to complete and submit the expression of interest form for any of the Member Champion roles and return it to Janine Milburn via email pa@ddfired.gov.uk by 25 August 2017.
10. If there is more than one expression of interest in a particular role, a final decision on allocating the role will be made by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority.
11. The outcomes of this process will be reported to the Combined Fire Authority on the 27 September 2017.

Recommendations

12. CFA Members are requested to:
 - a. **Note** the member champion roles as set out in this report and as detailed at Appendix A-F.
 - b. **Note** that the expression of interest form Appendix G needs to be submitted by email by the 25 August 2017.
 - c. **Note** that the Fire Authority will approve the Member Champions at the Combined Fire Authority meeting on the 27 September 2017.

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Member Champion for Community Safety

Role Description

Overview	<p>County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority Member Champions play a pivotal role in helping to shape the way services are provided to local communities. Member Champions also play a pivotal role in engaging with key stakeholders and making the best use of links with other councillors to promote the work of the Authority.</p> <p>A Member Champion role provides a unique opportunity to work closely with the Service and to help the Authority deliver its vision of Safest People, Safest Places</p>
Strategy	<p>A fundamental part of this Member Champion role is to assist the Service to develop its approach to community safety and to help to ensure that services provided by the Authority are fit for purpose, effective and take full account of the statutory requirements placed on the Authority through the Fire Services Act, National Framework and Regulatory Reform Order. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being involved in the early stages of community and business safety strategy development • Having oversight of the Service's performance in relation to prevention • Helping align the Authority's community safety work with the IRMP • Helping to align the Authority's community safety work with the wider community safety agenda for County Durham and Darlington
Policy Implementation	<p>The implementation of the Authority's prevention strategies are important in ensuring that the communities we serve remain safe.</p> <p>The Member Champion will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a sounding board for proposals relating to community safety • Assist the Service to understand local issues from an elected Members perspective and to ensure policy implementation takes account of these issues. • Ensure that policy implementation takes account of partners and other stakeholders policies where this is practical • Ensure that the strategies we employ are effective
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Member champions can play a pivotal role in engagement with stakeholders. This will include pro-active engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Fire Authority members • Councillors • Staff • Partner agencies • Public • Interest groups • Media • Government officials

Member Champion for Public Health

Role Description

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Strategy	<p>A fundamental part of this Member Champion role is to assist the Service to develop its approach to Public Health and to help to ensure that services provided by the Authority are fit for purpose, effective and take full account of the statutory requirements placed on the Authority through the Fire Services Act and National Framework and other legislation. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being involved in the early stages of public health strategy development • Helping align the Authority's public health work with the IRMP • Helping to align the Authority's public health work with the wider community safety agenda for County Durham and Darlington
Policy Implementation	<p>The implementation of the Authority's public health strategies are important in ensuring that the communities we serve remain safe.</p> <p>The Member Champion will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a sounding board for proposals relating to public health • Assist the Service to understand local issues from an elected Members perspective and to ensure policy implementation takes account of these issues. • Ensure that policy implementation takes account of partners and other stakeholders policies where this is practical • Ensure that the strategies we employ are effective
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Member champions can play a pivotal role in engagement with stakeholders. This will include pro-active engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Fire Authority members • Councillors • Partner agencies • Staff • Public • Interest groups • Media • Government officials

Member Champion for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Role Description

Overview	<p>County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority Member Champions play a pivotal role in helping to shape the way services are provided to local communities. Member Champions also play a pivotal role in engaging with key stakeholders and making the best use of links with other councillors to promote the work of the Authority.</p> <p>A Member Champion role provides a unique opportunity to work closely with the Service and to help the Authority deliver its vision of Safest People, Safest Places</p>
Strategy	<p>A fundamental part of this Member Champion role is to assist the Service to develop its approach to equality, diversity and inclusion and to help ensure that services provided by the Authority that take full account the legal requirements that are placed on public bodies. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being involved in the early stages of equality, diversity and inclusion strategy development • Assisting the Service to determine how equality, diversity and inclusion can be mainstreamed • Helping to align the Authority's equality, diversity and inclusion work to other strategies
Policy Implementation	<p>The implementation of the Authority's equality, diversity and inclusion strategies are important in ensuring that fairness and equity are at the heart of services provided. The Member Champion will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a sounding board for proposals relating to equality, diversity and inclusion. • Assist the Service to understand local issues from an elected Members perspective and to ensure policy implementation takes account of these issues. • Ensure that policy implementation takes account of partners and other stakeholders policies where this is practical • Ensure that staff consultation and engagement is appropriate and fit for purpose.
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Member champions can play a pivotal role in engagement with stakeholders. This will include pro-active engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Fire Authority members • Councillors • Partner agencies • Staff • Public • Interest groups • Media • Government officials

Member Champion for Health, Safety & Wellbeing

Role Description

Overview	<p>County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority Member Champions play a pivotal role in helping to shape the way services are provided to local communities. Member Champions also play a pivotal role in engaging with key stakeholders and making the best use of links with other councillors to promote the work of the Authority.</p> <p>A Member Champion role provides a unique opportunity to work closely with the Service and to help the Authority deliver its vision of Safest People, Safest Places.</p>
Strategy	<p>A fundamental part of this Member Champion role is to assist the Service to develop health, safety & wellbeing strategies that continue to ensure the Authority has health and safety performance that is amongst the best in the country. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being involved in the early stages of health, safety & wellbeing strategy development • Assisting the Service to determine health, safety & wellbeing strategies that best fit with local circumstances • Helping to align the Authority's health, safety & wellbeing strategies to other agencies strategies where appropriate.
Policy Implementation	<p>The implementation of the Authority's health, safety & wellbeing strategies are focused on the Safe Person concept. The Member Champion will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a sounding board for implementation plans prior to consideration by the Authority's Committee's or full Authority. • Assist the Service to understand local issues from an elected Members perspective and to ensure policy implementation takes account of these issues. • Ensure that policy implementation takes account of partners and other stakeholders policies where this is practical.
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Member champions can play a pivotal role in engagement with stakeholders. This will include pro-active engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Fire Authority members • Councillors • Partner agencies • Staff • Public • Interest groups • Media • Government officials

Member Champion for Retained Duty System

Role Description

Overview	<p>County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority Member Champions play a pivotal role in helping to shape the way services are provided to local communities. Member Champions also play a pivotal role in engaging with key stakeholders and making the best use of links with other councillors to promote the work of the Authority.</p> <p>Member Champion role provides a unique opportunity to work closely with the Service and to help the Authority deliver its vision of Safest People, Safest Places.</p>
Strategy	<p>A fundamental part of this Member Champion role is to assist the Service to specifically develop its retained duty system (RDS). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being involved in the early stages of RDS strategy development • Assisting the Service to determine RDS strategies that best fit with local circumstances • Helping to align the RDS strategy to other agencies strategies.
Policy Implementation	<p>The implementation of the Authority's RDS strategies is focused on ensuring that staff resources are maximised and that the workforce is aligned to the Authority's vision. The Member Champion will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a sounding board for implementation plans prior to consideration by the Authority's Committee's or full Authority. • Assist the Service to understand local issues from an elected Members perspective and to ensure policy implementation takes account of these issues. • Ensure that policy implementation takes account of partners and other stakeholders policies where this is practical
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Member champions can play a pivotal role in engagement with stakeholders. This will include pro-active engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Fire Authority members • Councillors • Partner agencies • Staff • Public • Interest groups • Media • Government officials

Member Champion for Young Firefighters & Fire Cadets

Role Description

Overview	<p>County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority Member Champions play a pivotal role in helping to shape the way services are provided to local communities. Member Champions also play a pivotal role in engaging with key stakeholders and making the best use of links with other councillors to promote the work of the Authority.</p> <p>Member Champion role provides a unique opportunity to work closely with the Service and to help the Authority deliver its vision of Safest People, Safest Places.</p>
Strategy	<p>A fundamental part of this Member Champion role is to assist the Service to specifically develop its young firefighter (YFF) and fire cadet schemes. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being involved in the early stages of YFF/Fire Cadet strategy development • Assisting the Service to determine YFF/Fire Cadet strategies that best fit with local circumstances • Helping to align the YFF/Fire Cadet strategy to other agencies strategies.
Policy Implementation	<p>The implementation of the Authority's YFF/Fire Cadet strategies is focused on ensuring that our YFF/Fire Cadet schemes are investing in the young people of County Durham & Darlington, act as a genuine firefighter recruitment route and are aligned to the Authority's vision. The Member Champion will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a sounding board for implementation plans prior to consideration by the Authority's Committee's or full Authority. • Assist the Service to understand local issues from an elected Members perspective and to ensure policy implementation takes account of these issues. • Ensure that policy implementation takes account of partners and other stakeholders policies where this is practical
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Member champions can play a pivotal role in engagement with stakeholders. This will include pro-active engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Fire Authority members • Councillors • Young Firefighters/Fire Cadets • Partner Agencies • Staff • Public • Interest groups • Media • Government officials