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# NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

7 June 2022

## Cabinet

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Appointment of Champions</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To set out which Cabinet positions will be created for the Council.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	To agree to the appointment of five Champions to represent Young People, Mental Health, Older People, Veterans and Carers.

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has previously appointed Elected Members as Champions in a number of areas.
- 1.2 This report outlines the rationale for the 5 Champion positions proposed and recommends which Councillors will fill them.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 In the previous Administration, Champions were appointed for Young People, Carers, the Armed Forces/Veterans, Mental Health and Older People.
- 2.2 The rationale for the creation of a Champion position recognises the specific needs and wishes of communities with special interests across North Ayrshire. These communities span geographical boundaries and, often, portfolio briefs. It is therefore important that individuals and communities with special interests have a clear conduit into the Council along with an identified Elected Member who will act as an Ambassador and Advocate for them. The role of the Champion in each case is to work with groups of citizens to understand their needs and to advocate on their behalf in relation to how services are delivered.
- 2.3 It is proposed that these roles are not solely held by the Administration of the Council, but by the Elected Member whose skills and background are most likely to be able to Champion the needs of the community of interest.

### 3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves the appointment of the following Champions:

Carers Champion  
Young People's Champion  
Veterans Champion  
Mental Health Champion  
Older People's Champion

Councillor Nairn McDonald  
Councillor Chloe Robertson  
Councillor John Sweeney  
Provost Anthea Dickson  
Councillor Donald L. Reid

#### **4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty**

##### **Financial**

4.1 None arising from this report.

##### **Human Resources**

4.2 None arising from this report.

##### **Legal**

4.3 None arising from this report.

##### **Equality/Socio-economic**

4.4 The appointment of Champions supports the Council's equalities work.

##### **Climate Change and Carbon**

4.5 None arising from this report.

##### **Key Priorities**

4.6 The appointments support the Council's strategic priorities which underpins delivery of the Council Plan.

##### **Community Wealth Building**

4.7 Not applicable.

#### **5. Consultation**

5.1 The Leader has consulted with Elected Members before nominating them for these positions.

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#### **Background Papers**

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