
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

24 January 2023

Cabinet

Title:	Change of Mental Health Champion
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Purpose:	To consider the appointment of an Elected Member as Mental Health Champion following a vacancy having arisen.
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Recommendation:	To agree to appoint an Elected Member as Mental Health Champion.
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Cabinet on 7 June 2022, appointed Elected Members as Champions in a number of areas, namely Carers, Young People, Veterans, Mental Health and Older People.
- 1.2 A vacancy has arisen for the role of Mental Health Champion. This report recommends that Cabinet considers appointing another Elected Member as Mental Health Champion.

2. Background

- 2.1 The rationale for the creation of a Mental Health Champion position recognises the importance of addressing issues of mental health for individuals and communities.
- 2.2 The role of Champion requires considerable time commitment from the Elected Member appointed. The Provost was appointed as Mental Health Champion. However, considering the significant duties with associated time commitments in her role as Provost, she has reluctantly concluded that she will not be able to provide the time commitment which is necessary for the role of Mental Health Champion. Accordingly, she has decided to step aside to enable another Elected Member to fulfil this important role.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet notes that a vacancy has arisen and agrees to nominate and appoint another Elected Member as the Council's Mental Health Champion.

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 appointment supports the Council's strategic priorities which underpins delivery of the Council Plan.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 Not applicable.

5. Consultation

5.1 Consultation will take place with the replacement Elected Member before confirming them for this position.

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Background Papers

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