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## NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

30 May 2023

### Cabinet

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**Title:** Appointment of Older People's Champion

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**Purpose:** To consider the appointment of an Older People's Champion following the resignation of the previous representative.

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**Recommendation:** To agree a replacement Member as Older People's 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 Older People's Champion. This report recommends that Cabinet considers appointing another Elected Member as Older People's Champion following the resignation of the previous representative, Councillor Donald L. Reid.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The role of Older People's Champion has become vacant following the resignation of Councillor Donald L Reid. Appointing another Councillor to the role will ensure that there is an Elected Member in place as the named advocate to support, listen to and understand the needs of older people across the full range of Council services. The role of the Champion is to work with groups of citizens to understand their needs and to advocate on their behalf in relation to how services are delivered.

### 3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves the appointment of another Elected Member as the Older People's 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 has taken place with Elected Members.

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##### **Background Papers**

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