

Date: 28 March 2023

Report APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Purpose of report

1. To appoint a Member to the role of Member Champion for Sustainable Development.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Members consider the application from Richard Foster for the role of Member Champion for Sustainable Development and, if they are supportive, make an appointment from 1 April 2023 for a period of 3 years.

Background

3. Carl Lis is the current Member Champion for Sustainable Development. He will no longer be a member of the Authority when Craven District Council is dissolved on 1 April 2023. The Authority is therefore invited to appoint a new Member Champion for Sustainable Development as from 1 April 2023.
4. Richard Foster is the only Member who has indicated an interest in the role of Member Champion for Sustainable Development. Mr Foster's expression of interest is attached as **Appendix 1**.
5. The role description is attached as **Appendix 2**.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive
11 March 2023

Member Champion – Sustainable Development

Expression of Interest from Richard Foster

Fellow members, this role really interests me as a continuation from what I have been delivering as a District leader in Craven, from the formation of the Local Plan to the delivery of housing and economic development sites (including Langcliffe Quarry).

To do this I have worked closely with officers and outside bodies such as the LEP and Homes England.

There are many challenges facing us as a National Park but I feel that sustainable communities supported by a new Local Plan can help us meet these and prosper as an area both environmentally and economically moving forward.

Attracting and retaining young people is still a priority of the National Park and a lot of the actions from public transport to digital connectivity remain outstanding and I see this role enabling me to advocate to see these actions delivered.

I understand that I cannot do this alone so would want to work closely with members, officers, residents and the wider public especially on the delivery of the Local Plan that will stand up to inspection.

Richard

Authority programmes covered

- Sustainable Development Fund
- Development Planning (planning policy and monitoring)

Current representative roles

1. Housing advisory groups for North Yorkshire and Westmorland and Furness;
2. The Member Champion has a specific representative role in the preparation of the Local Plan:
 - communicating internally and externally the views of the Authority Membership;
 - attending meetings and partnerships where a Member of the Authority is required.
 - introducing Local Plan reports at Authority meetings, where necessary;
 - contributing to press releases, public consultation events and press interviews
 - consultation with Officers on procedural matters between Authority meetings eg. to agree the scope of consultation documents, the timing of consultations etc.
3. UK Shared Prosperity Fund - North Yorkshire Local Partnership Group
4. Representing the Authority at certain SDF presentation events

Current Issues

1. Developing a single new Local Plan for the whole of the National Park by 2024;
2. Promoting the policies in the current Local Plan(s) that support sustainable development and ensure we achieve the objectives set out in the National Park Management Plan, including:
 - a. the delivery of new housing that meets local needs;
 - b. improvements in Broadband and mobile phone coverage.
3. Working with the Local Enterprise Partnerships and others to ensure that funding is available to support the socio-economic objectives in the National Park Management Plan.
4. Supporting councils to attract younger people to live and work in the National Park

Induction programme and ongoing commitments

- Briefing from Director of Conservation and Community and Head of Sustainable Development;
- Conservation and Community Directorate meetings (annual);
- Conservation and Community Directorate Management Team (every 3 months);
- Media training

Lead Officer

Peter Stockton, Head of Sustainable Development

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