

HERITAGE CHAMPION

Role Description

The Heritage Champion can have input to make sure that local plans and strategies capture the contribution that the local historic environment can make to the success of an area.

More specifically, you can:

- 1) Help local authorities manage the historic environment of their area
- 2) Promote heritage within your local authority, generating enthusiasm for and awareness of the importance of the local historic environment
- 3) Help ensure that commitment to the proper care of the historic environment is embedded in all relevant activities and plans of the local authority; for example, helping to ensure good quality planning decisions are made
- 4) Support your authority's local historic environment services (both archaeological and historic buildings conservation officers). Influence and communicate with others to ensure benefits for the historic environment

- (a) To champion the adopted policy of this Council for the relevant theme;
- (b) To promote their area of interest both within and outside the Council;
- (c) To contribute to the review and development of policies pertaining to the area of interest;
- (d) To act as a critical friend and question the Council and Cabinet Members on issues affecting their area of interest;
- (e) To attend meetings of the Council, its Committees and the Cabinet and speak on issues (when permitted by the Chairman) relevant to their area of interest;
- (f) To monitor the Forward Plan and seek information from the relevant cabinet members and officers about forthcoming business and exert influence on behalf of the interest in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member;
- (g) To monitor overview and scrutiny plans and activity and seek information and offer views on relevant review subjects and exert influence on behalf of the interest;
- (h) To seek to place appropriate items on member meeting agendas;
- (i) To keep other councillors up-to-date with activities relevant to the area of interest;
- (j) To keep up-to-date with current developments;
- (k) To provide positive support, and on occasions, constructive challenge to Members and officers in driving forward the Council's agenda on relevant issues; and
- (l) Following the approval of the Leader (and Cabinet Member), to act as the Council's representative on relevant external bodies where Council representation is required and approved.