

# ROLE PROFILE

## Councillor Champion

*This is a Special Responsibility role profile.*

### 1. Who is a Councillor Champion accountable to?

- South Holland District Council.

### 2. Role, Purpose and Activity

- **Within the Council**

- To promote the interest being championed within the Council's corporate and service priorities;
- To promote the needs of the group represented in the interest to the decision makers within the council;
- To work with the decision makers in the Council to establish strategies/policies/work plans connected with the interest;
- To maintain an awareness of all matters connected with the interest;
- To contribute to good practice and the continuous improvement of services and functions related to the interest;
- To engage with councillors in matters related to the interest such as attending Overview and Scrutiny/Cabinet /full Council meetings etc; and
- Raising awareness of and taking a lead role in the development of all councillors and officers in relation to the interest.

- **In the Community**

- To raise the profile of the interest within the community;
- To engage with citizens and community groups in matters related to the interest; and
- To lead and support local initiatives related to the interest.

- **Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships**

- To promote and support good governance of the Council;
- To promote and support openness and transparency; and
- To adhere to the Members' Code of Conduct, the Member/Officer Protocol and the highest standards of behaviour in public office.

### 3. Values

- To be committed to the Council's values and corporate priorities.

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## Councillor Champion

To fulfil the role as laid out in the role profile, an effective Councillor Champion requires the following:

### **Within the Council**

- Understanding of the area of interest being championed in terms of Council strategies and policy, good practice, improvement and national agendas and the needs of the group;
- Ability to engage with a range of councillors and officers around the area of interest and listening to requirements;
- Ability to act on behalf of the area of interest within the Council; and
- Act as a proxy for the relevant Portfolio Holder.

### **In the Community**

- Effective public speaking and presentational skills;
- Understanding of the needs of the community in relation to the interest;
- Ability to engage with citizens and community groups in matters related to the interest;
- Ability to lead and support local initiatives related to the interest; and
- Ability to represent the position of the Council to the community in relation to the interest.

### **Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships**

- An understanding of the roles of officers, councillors and external partners;
- Respect for different groups and individuals;
- An understanding of the Code of Conduct and Member/Officer Protocol.