

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	21 December 2020
Report of the	-	Malcolm Johnston, Chief Executive
Subject	-	Appointment of Cabinet Spokesperson / Champion

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That the appointment of Councillor Charles Clark as a Cabinet Spokesperson / Champion for Older Persons from 1 November 2020 be noted.

Introduction

1. As Members may recall, in July 2020 the Council agreed to introduce a new modest Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) in the Members' Allowance Scheme for Cabinet Spokespersons / Champions (Minute C20/22 refers).
2. The Scheme now includes provision for the payment of a SRA (currently £568 per annum) to designated Cabinet Spokespersons / Champions. The SRA is intended to recognise the Councillor's expertise in their allocated spokesperson role, the additional time to attend meetings, represent the Council and effectively manage the Council's role on the subject and to be the "resident expert" on the subject.
3. The SRA is only payable to Member Champions provided that the Member is not in receipt of any other SRA and there being no more than five spokespersons attracting an SRA payment at any one time. Currently, there are two appointed spokesperson (promoting livable neighbourhoods (cycling and walking) and young persons / child poverty) attracting SRAs; this additional SRA would bring the total to three that are in receipt of a SRA.

Spokesperson / Champion for Older Persons

4. The Leader of the Council has confirmed that he has appointed Councillor Charles Clark to act as Cabinet Spokesperson / Champion for Older Persons with effect from 1 November 2020.

Malcolm Johnston
Chief Executive