

Appendix 2: Role overview for Member Champion for Quality in Care, Member Champion for Mental Health and Member Champion for Climate Change

1. Role overview for the Member Champion for Quality in Care

The role of the Member Champion for Quality of Care is to support the Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration in raising the profile and the importance of a high quality, sustainable adult social care sector.

Specific activities

The role includes:

1. Visiting residential and supported living care settings, and home care providers, in order to see first-hand how services are delivered.
2. Maintaining a good understanding of the issues that arise in dealing with adult social care services and assessing their quality.
3. Engaging with users of services and explore their experience of care.
4. Being able to advocate for quality of care with Member colleagues and the public, and to challenge myths about what good social care looks like.
5. Understanding and engaging with the Council's processes used for ensuring that care delivered is of a good standard, and to use experience of discussions with providers and service users to help to improve it.

2. Role overview for the Member Champion for Mental Health

As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community.

The role of the Member Champion for Mental Health is to support the Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration to raise the profile of the importance of mental health and wellbeing in Barking & Dagenham.

Specific activities

The role includes:

1. Maintaining a good understanding of the issues concerning mental health.
2. Promoting better public understanding of mental health needs and addressing negative attitudes and behaviours including discrimination towards people with mental ill health.
3. Engaging with local community groups to encourage action to promote better mental health and life chances.
4. Assessing how council strategies and directly provided services support and improve mental health and wellbeing.
5. Represent the Council on the Council of Governors of the North East London NHS Foundation Trust.

3. Role overview of Member Champion for Climate Change

The role of the Member Champion for Climate Emergency is to work with the Leader on how to address the pressing issue of climate change, which was the subject of a motion put to Assembly in January 2020.

Specific activities

The role includes:

1. Maintaining a good knowledge of actions being taken by the Council, as well as its peers in London, to address the issue of climate change.
2. Working with Members to advocate for the delivery of a Zero-Carbon B&D, including assisting with the delivery of an effective communications strategy by acting as a “face” for the campaign, alongside the Leader.
3. Working with community groups to promote responsible use of parks and open spaces in the borough.
4. Looking at ways in which the corporate element of the council can learn from public and private sector partners to improve sustainability.