

Councillor Safety Champion – Description of Role

The Champion's role is to establish and maintain strong strategic links with relevant partners leading to the implementation of stronger safety processes for elected members. The Champion will also provide a point of escalation for councillors if an incident has occurred.

The Champion will raise the profile of councillor safety issues and advocate for better two-way engagement. As a result, councillors should be more informed about risks and mitigations; they will have a conduit to feed intelligence back to relevant officers, and they know their safety is being considered seriously by the Council.

The Champion will encourage councillors to prioritise their own safety and take on board any information and advice provided to them.

The Champion will ensure councillor safety remains a high priority and provide a conduit for strategic engagement with local partners including Cheshire Police.