

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

CABINET

DATE: 24 MAY 2012

REPORT OF: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

TITLE OF DECISION MEMBER CHAMPION FOR SPORT

WARDS: ALL WARDS

KEY DECISION?: NO

IF YES, IN FORWARD PLAN?: NO

For general release

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1.1 The report considers the appointment of a Member Champion for Sport and sets out the responsibilities of the role.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Cabinet approves the Leader of the Council's recommendation to appoint Councillor Richard Martin as Member Champion for Sport and agree the responsibilities of the role.**

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Elected Members perform many different roles on the Council; the purpose of this report is to give formal recognition to the new role of Member Champion for Sport. This role has been created to ensure that there is a strong sporting legacy in the borough following the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Richmond upon Thames already has a strong sporting tradition. In addition to being the home to English rugby and the birthplace of hockey, it remains one of the most physically active boroughs in England. The 2011 Active People Survey conducted by Sport England shows that Richmond upon Thames has one of the highest participation rates in sport and physical activity in England, and the highest level of sports club membership. The Council is committed to ensuring that all residents continue to have access to high quality opportunities to participate in sport, both for their enjoyment and to improve their general health and wellbeing.
- 3.2 The role of the Member Champion for sport will be to promote participation in sport and physical activity throughout the borough. The role has no executive decision-making powers, but will work with the Council's Cabinet Member for

Business, Culture and Communities and officers in the Sports and Fitness Service to:

- Raise the profile of sport in Richmond upon Thames;
- Act as an advocate and ambassador for the Council on all sports issues;
- Identify and facilitate opportunities to improve the sports offer in Richmond upon Thames;
- Forge links between the Council, sports organisations and clubs in order to represent their views and interests to the Council;
- Celebrate sporting achievements and success in Richmond upon Thames by representing the Council at sports competitions and events, such as the London Youth Games; and
- Lobby for local sport by representing the interests of participants and sports clubs to external agencies and funding bodies where appropriate.

Officer support for the Member Champion will be provided by the Council's Head of Sport and Fitness and Sports Development Manager.

- 3.3 Councillor Richard Martin has been appointed as the Council's first Member Champion for Sport. Councillor Martin is a successful competitive sportsman. He is the current British, European and World champion in Brazilian JiuJitsu for his age group, and works as a qualified coach with his own martial arts school.

4 FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5. *PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS*

There are no procurement implications arising directly from this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

7. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

8. WIDER CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 POLICY IMPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

The appointment of a Member Champion for Sport will support the delivery of the Council's Cultural Partnership Plan and its Strategy for Sport.

8.2 RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risk considerations have been identified.

8.3 EQUALITY IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS

The Member Champion for Sport will have a role in promoting high-quality sporting opportunities for all young people and adults in the borough.

8.4 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

There are no background documents.

10. APPENDICES

There are no appendices.

11. CONTACTS

Cllr Lord True
Leader of the Council
cllr.lordture@richmond.gov.uk

Ian Dodds
Head of Culture and Service Improvement
ian.dodds@richmond.gov.uk
020 8831 6116