

	Full Council
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To reconsider the system of Champions

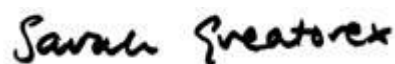
The system of Champions was set up around 5 years ago, in an attempt to ask individual councillors to take responsibility for one aspect of what we do in the town. This worked well for a few years, but has over the past 2 years seen a steady decline. It is time to review the system and decide whether it is something we want to keep, modify or replace with something better. Current areas of responsibility have been:

- Doctors Surgery –
- Schools –
- Police –
- Open spaces –
- Events –
- Halstead Community Connections –
- BALC –

In many cases recently, there has been nothing to report, and little contact between the councillor and the area of responsibility.

From the Clerk's point of view, it has been helpful to have 2 councillors involved with the Potential Open Spaces Improvement Plan, as they have worked together with the Clerk each year to update the record at BDC. Suggestions from councillors would be welcome.

Recommendation: that HTC no longer appoints Champions under the current system, and seeks something more appropriate.



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