



Title of Report:	Climate Change Champion
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	14th April 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	Not in Committee

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-25)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and Enhancing Our Environments & Engaging communities
Outcome	Our natural assets will be carefully managed to generate economic and social returns without compromising their sustainability for future generations.
Lead Officer	Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure & Climate Change

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£variable
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO – N/A
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/ No	Date: N/A
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes /No	Date: N/A
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/ No	Date: N/A
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date: N/A
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes /No	Date: N/A
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes /No	Date: N/A

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek members approval for the appointment of Climate Change Champion for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Council has new additional Statutory responsibilities under the NI Climate Change Act (CCA)2022.
- 2.2 On the 3rd of March the Climate Change Action Strategy was adopted and ratified by full council and actions contained within the strategy are underway.
- 2.3 A climate champion was discussed with members at the recent Climate Emergency Forum (CEF) which took place on Tuesday 10th February and it was recommended that a Climate Champion be proposed from the ES Committee.

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 To nominate a member of the ES Committee for the role of Climate Change Champion.
- 3.2 The climate change Champion will act as an advocate for climate action within the council and wider borough. The role will include:
- Acting as a link between elected members and officers on climate related matters
 - Supporting the implementation of the Climate Change Action Strategy
 - Attending regular meetings with the Climate Change Lead Officer
 - Promoting climate awareness and engagement with local communities
 - Representing the council at relevant climate related events and forums.

The role is intended to be strategic and advisory, rather than operational, and will be supported by council officers.

- 3.3 Champions are usually appointed via the rolling d'Hondt list, and the next picks are as follows:

[87] UUP
[88] SF
[89] DUP
[90] SF
[91] SDLP
[92] DUP
[93] Alliance

Parties are entitled to skip their turn if they do not wish to make an appointment to the post that they have been offered.

4.0 Recommendation:

4.1 Members are asked to consider the content of this report and recommend to Full Council that;

a) The Climate Change Champion is appointed via D'Hondt from the full membership of Council.

Or

b) The Climate Change Champion is appointed via D'Hondt from the membership of the Environmental Services Committee.

Or

c) The appointment is made via another method as agreed by the Committee.