

# **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE**

29 September 2025

### **UPDATE TO COMMITTEE ON RISK CHAMPION**

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Wards Affected	N/A
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	All
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 At the last meeting of this Committee, the previous Councillor Risk Champion stood down from the role. There were no volunteers for the role to fill the vacancy, and the Deputy Chief Executive was tasked to produce some draft terms of reference for the Councillor Risk Champion to be considered by this committee to assist in finding and appointing a new Councillor Risk Champion.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Audit, Standards and Governance Committee are Recommended to:

- Note the and comment on the draft terms of reference for the Councillor Risk Champion.
- Consider next steps in appointing a Councillor Risk Champion.

### **3. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 3.1 The proposed draft terms of reference (ToR) for the Council's Elected Councillor Risk Champion are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 This report asks the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee to review and comment on the draft ToR.

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### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report. It is not proposed that the Council's Elected Councillor Risk Champion receives any additional remuneration for the appointment.

#### **Legal Implications**

- 4.2 There are no legal implications from this report or appointment. Management of risk within the Council remains with officers.

#### **Service / Operational Implications**

- 4.3 The Committee has a remit to oversee the risk and risk management within the Council, and the appointment of an Elected Councillor Risk Champion is designed to assist the Committee in this aspect of its governance remit.

#### **Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 4.4 No direct implications from this report.

#### **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

- 4.5 The outcome of the government's decision on LGR will impact on the Council's future existence. It is suggested that any appointment of the Elected Councillor Risk Champion covers the period until the vesting day for the new Council currently planned to be 1 April 2028.

### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 It is considered that this role is key to the risk management and governance within the Council.

### **6. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix 1 – Draft Terms of Reference for Councillor Risk Champion.  
**(This Appendix was published in the main agenda pack).**

### **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.