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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO
ITEM 15
ON THE AGENDA**

**Motion for Clackmannanshire Council
19th August 2021**

Older People's Champion

It is recommended that Council;

1. Recognises and values the contributions that older people play in our society.

These contributions are also recognised nationally by Age Scotland and, in particular in the Scottish Older People's Assembly's (SOPA) campaign for every local authority in Scotland to establish the role of Older People's Champion. An Older People's Champion is a Councillor who acts as a link between the Council and older people in the local area.

Age Scotland and SOPA also want to see the formation of a network of Older People's Champions from across Scotland who will be a voice for older people at local and national level, will work together on shared challenges and will collectively influence for change. Representation would benefit Clackmannanshire and our older community.

With a growing older population, it is vital that local decision-making meets the needs and aspirations of older people and that Council better understands those needs and aspirations. The impact of COVID 19 has further strengthened the need for someone specifically tasked with standing up for the interests of older people and finding out what they expect from local decision-makers. An Older People's Champion, who will listen and reflect the views of our older community, is needed now more than ever in Clackmannanshire.

2. Agree to establish the role of an Older People's Champion for Clackmannanshire, noting that this role will participate in the network of Older People's Champions across Scotland and
3. Appoint Councillor Jane McTaggart to this role

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