

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 5 – QUESTIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**QUESTION 1**

**MR N J HARTIN** will ask the following question:

"Following the launch of the Green Office (Go) Champions in September, I understand that there are now more than 40 members of staff signed up from offices across the Council.

However, I understand that there are some buildings & offices, particularly the smaller ones, who do not yet have Champions? - Could the portfolio holder explain what further work is being done to expand this initiative throughout the Council"?

**MR D W L ROBERTS** the Portfolio Holder for Local Environment and Economy will reply:-

Since launching the GO Champions Network in September 2009, we currently have 45 members of staff signed up in the following areas.

19 from Shirehall  
3 from Guildhall  
1 from Oswestry  
1 from Wem  
1 from Bridgnorth

The remaining staff are from the smaller offices including the AONB, the Chancery, Mayfair, Discovery Centre, Countryside Unit in Ellesmere, Shrewsbury Training & Development Centre (ie Monkmoor), Archives, The Hollies, and other Customer Service Points.

Staff were initially recruited through an intranet campaign and through Talking Shrop and this has been successful in recruiting most of the above staff. The Sustainability Team has regularly repeated the recruitment information on the intranet and has ensured information about the projects that the champions are involved with has been online.

The aim has been to get people to volunteer for the role and gain manager support rather than being made to take the role on, as we feel people are more motivated to take on challenges if it is something they are interested in.

To ensure we have staff across the Council in all buildings we have started to contact Heads of Service asking them to recommend people for the role where we think we are short of staff volunteers. This has been successful in some areas, less so in others.

We will continue to press those areas that are not covered and if necessary try to adopt an even more proactive stance