

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Designation of Veterans' Champion 2 November 2017

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider recommending to Council that the title of "Veterans' Champion" be changed to "Armed Forces Champion".

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) The Committee is asked to consider the request from the Veterans' Champion, that the name of her role be changed to 'Armed Forces Champion'.**
- (2) That, if the Committee is minded to recommend a change of name for the role, the matter be referred to Council.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The current Veterans' Champion met with the Democratic Services Manager, and the Democratic Services Officer who provided support to Champions, on 25 May 2017 to discuss arrangements for flag raising for Armed Forces Day.
- 1.2 It was noted during the meeting that Councillor Scott usually referred to herself as 'Armed Forces Champion', which had caused some confusion. It was agreed that the Democratic Services Manager would draft a report to Council Business Committee in June asking the Committee to consider a change of name for the role. The June meeting of the Committee was cancelled due to lack of any other business, hence the report has come to this meeting.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The role of Veterans' Champion was established by Council in February 2013 specifically "to support and champion the plight of services leavers within Lancaster District."
- 2.2 Councillor Scott is seeking a change of name for the Veterans' Champion to Armed Forces Champion in recognition of what she believes to be the wider remit of the role to include serving members of the armed forces.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Committee is asked for its views on the change of name. If Committee members are in agreement that the name should be changed, then a referral report will be drafted to Council to recommend the change.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing) None.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS None identified.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS None identified.	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources; Information Services; Property; Open Spaces: None.	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Monitoring Officer has reviewed the report and has no further comments.	
BACKGROUND PAPERS None.	Contact Officer: Debbie Chambers Telephone: 01524 582057 E-mail: dchambers@lancaster.gov.uk