

Appointment of a Veterans' Champion

20 May 2019

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appoint a non-Cabinet Veterans' Champion for the four year period 2019/20 to 2022/2023, as detailed in the report.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) **That a Veterans' Champion for be appointed by Council for the four year term 2019/20 to 2022/23.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 On 6 February 2013, Council created the role of Veterans' Champion as a result of a motion on notice. It is a role for a non-Cabinet Councillor with a remit to: ***"support and champion the plight of services leavers within our District."*** The Champion is required to make an annual report to Council on their work.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 The appointment to be made at this meeting will be for a four year term, in accordance with a Council resolution made on 12 May 2014 (minute 17 refers) "...to enable the champions to develop their knowledge and carry out their duties over a longer period."

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 Council is asked to appoint a Veterans Champion for the four year term ending in May 2023. Only non-Cabinet Members may be nominated. The role does not attract any special responsibility allowance.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Diversity – the Veterans' Champion is appointed to take a particular interest in services and circumstances which affect and impact upon this particular group in the district, recognising that there are different and varying needs within this section of the Community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. The Veterans' Champion may claim travel expenses incurred attending meetings necessary to their role and these will be met from within the existing members travel budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy Monitoring Officer has drafted this report in her capacity as Democratic Services Manager.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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