

## **Armed Forces Champion**

### **Role Specification**

The Armed Forces Champion works closely with other colleagues at a number of different levels within the organisation.

Responsibilities will include:

1. To champion the Armed Forces across the Council.
  2. Act as the Champion for current and ex forces personnel who need assistance with signposting within the organisation and help unblock any problems that people have accessing services and relevant support,
  3. Encourage promotion of the values of the Armed Forces Covenant
  4. With agreement of the Leader, attend development events organised for the Armed Forces
  5. Understand and effectively represent priorities for the Council in terms of the Armed Forces Covenant.
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- (a) To champion the adopted policy of this Council for the relevant theme;
  - (b) To promote their area of interest both within and outside the Council;
  - (c) To contribute to the review and development of policies pertaining to the area of interest;
  - (d) To act as a critical friend and question the Council and Cabinet Members on issues affecting their area of interest;
  - (e) To attend meetings of the Council, its Committees and the Cabinet and speak on issues (when permitted by the Chairman) relevant to their area of interest;
  - (f) To monitor the Forward Plan and seek information from the relevant cabinet members and officers about forthcoming business and exert influence on behalf of the interest in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member;
  - (g) To monitor overview and scrutiny plans and activity and seek information and offer views on relevant review subjects and exert influence on behalf of the interest;
  - (h) To seek to place appropriate items on member meeting agendas;
  - (i) To keep other councillors up-to-date with activities relevant to the area of interest;
  - (j) To keep up-to-date with current developments;
  - (k) To provide positive support, and on occasions, constructive challenge to Members and officers in driving forward the Council's agenda on relevant issues; and
  - (l) Following the approval of the Leader (and Cabinet Member), to act as the Council's representative on relevant external bodies where Council representation is required and approved.