



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPION FOR ARMED FORCES

At the Council meeting on 30 January 2013, in response to a Member's question, the Leader of the Council indicated that he supported the proposition that the Council should appoint a Member Champion for Armed Forces veterans. This comment was met with approval from all present at the meeting. Subsequently it was considered that a Champion for the Armed Forces inclusive of currently serving personnel, veterans and youth cadet organisations would be more appropriate.

No specific terms of reference are proposed for this appointment but the Member appointed would be expected to establish and maintain links with the Armed Forces units with which the Council has a relationship such as The Royal Anglian Regiment and HMS Raider as well as the wide number of different veterans' organisations such as the Royal British Legion, the Burma Star Association and the Royal Air Force Association. The role would also provide an opportunity to promote the work of the pre-service youth cadet organisations in the borough and to promote the Armed Forces Community Covenant which Havering signed in 2012.

The Committee accordingly now RECOMMENDS to the Council that a Member Champion for Armed Forces be appointed, with effect from the Annual Council in May 2013.