



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

Appointment of Member Champion for Armed Forces

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Policy context:

As part of the Council's commitment to expressing support for the Armed Forces and present and past service men and women, the appointment is proposed of a Member Champion for them

Financial summary:

There are no direct financial costs associated with the appointment.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been carried out? No equalities issues arise

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Ensuring a clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Championing education and learning for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing economic, social and cultural activity in thriving towns and villages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Valuing and enhancing the lives of our residents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivering high customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REPORT DETAIL

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.

The Committee is, therefore, now invited formally to endorse the appointment of a new Member Champion accordingly.

It is customary for Member Champions to undertake their duties as they see fit. Limited support is available from within Committee Administration & Member Support, principally in carrying out routine clerical and administrative tasks. The cost of such activity is met from existing budget provision.

There are no specific terms of reference 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee **RECOMMEND to the Council** that a Member Champion for Armed Forces be appointed.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

No direct costs are associated with making this appointment. To the extent that the post holder might require clerical or administrative support, it will be provided by Committee Administration & Member Support from within existing budget provision.

Legal implications and risks:

There are no legal implications or risks

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no legal implications or risks

Equalities implications and risks:

There are no legal implications or risks

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.