
ARMED FORCES CHAMPION UPDATE

1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 To receive an update on the work of the Blackpool's Armed Forces Champion.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the update presentation.

3.0 Information

- 3.1 Councillor Christopher Ryan has been appointed Blackpool's Armed Forces Champion.
- 3.2 He is spearheading plans to improve access to services and support for serving and ex-service men and women. Over the coming months, Councillor Ryan will be working with interested groups to put together an action plan.
- 3.3 This complements the undertaking outlined in the Armed Forces Community Covenant for Blackpool - a commitment of mutual support between the civilian community and the Armed Forces and veterans, signed in 2011.
- 3.4 As part of the work, and to build a robust evidence base, it is proposed that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment working group consider evidence sources on the need of ex-service personnel.
- 3.5 The Board is invited to consider:
- What additional areas of support/services they know of that are offered for veterans, serving personnel and their families?
 - How can the Board contribute to the work of the Armed Forces Champion in Blackpool?
 - Are there any areas where the Armed Forces Champion can support the key priorities of the Board?

4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 None

5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 None

Relevant officer:

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Appendices attached:

Appendix 6a: Presentation

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

N/A

Glossary:

None