

Armed Forces Champions for Buckinghamshire Council

The Profile:-

A Member nominated by the Leader of Buckinghamshire Council (BC) with an interest in the Armed Forces community.

Some Armed Forces experience would be an advantage.

Appointed by Council (on the recommendation of the Executive) to emphasise the importance the Council places on the role.

The Role:-

To raise the profile and needs of the Armed Forces community (serving personnel, both regular and reserve, their families and veterans), within the Council and the wider county.

To maintain close liaison with the South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (SERFCA).

To establish close liaison with the senior member of BC staff, appointed by the BC's Chief Executive as Armed Forces Covenant Officer, to ensure the Council's obligations undertaken through the Armed Forces and Community Covenant are kept current.

To maintain close liaison with the Chairman on all ceremonial matters in which the Chairman should be involved. (e.g. ranging from Armed Forces Day flag raising, attendance at local Armed Forces events, to Freedom Marches).

To keep, when appropriate, the local Members of Parliament apprised of the activity within the County in relation to the Armed Forces community.

To establish and chair an Armed Forces Covenant Panel of Members and Officers from local government and other outside relevant organisations meeting regularly with an agenda to ensure all areas of Council business take into account the needs of the Armed Forces community.

To liaise with local members of the Armed Forces, in particular the Chairman of SERFCA and local Commanders, to promote the Armed Forces and Community Covenant to enable an understanding within the Armed Forces of the limitations and different responsibilities of Local Government and its decision-making processes.

To be the primary focal point for liaison with businesses/local organisations within the Council to promote the Armed Forces Covenant and encourage engagement with the Armed Forces, in particular Reservists and Cadets. Close liaison with the Bucks Business First on these matters will be required.

To support local Cadet units by acting as the key link with the local authority, and to look to provide local ceremonial, remembrance and volunteering opportunities.

To sponsor an Annual report to the Council, first reviewed by the relevant Scrutiny Committee, detailing the Council's actions over the past year in respect of the obligations to the Covenant.