

Lead Member for Armed Forces – Description of Role

Purpose

To raise the profile and needs of the Armed Forces Community, internally and externally within South Kesteven District Council and wider County as appropriate

To be an advocate for the Armed Forces Community to ensure their voices are heard and taken into consideration in all aspects of the Council's business.

Key duties and responsibilities

- Engage with the Armed Forces Community and aim to establish meaningful connections with members of the Armed Forces community. By understanding their perspectives, experiences, and challenges, the Lead Member can build trust and create initiatives that resonate with the community
- Working within South Kesteven District Council to ensure that policies, practices, and services are inclusive and supportive of the Armed Forces community. The Lead Member will provide insights and recommendations to ensure that SKDC meets the needs of military personnel and veterans effectively
- Understand how they can gain support from other services/charities and collaborate with external services and charities that offer support to military personnel and veterans. By forming partnerships and sharing resources, they can enhance the range and effectiveness of support available to the Armed Forces community
- Reinforce the integration between communities. The Lead Member will promote and strengthen the integration of the Armed Forces community with the broader civilian population. By fostering understanding, mutual respect, and awareness between communities, they will contribute to a more cohesive and inclusive society.

Expectations

- To provide a vocal presence for the Armed Forces Community within the Council where this is necessary
- To seek the views of people with lived experience of the Armed Forces challenges, identifying priorities and concerns
- To work sensitively, respectfully and with those Serving Personnel, Veterans and their families
- To provide for other Members of the Authority updates at suitable intervals on issues/initiatives identified within local communities (usually via an information sheet).

Benefits to assist the Lead Member

- Access to advice and support from the Council's Armed Forces Officer
- Access via updates to resources and publications dedicated to the provision of advice on the Armed Forces Community
- Access to workshops and other learning events which might be available and appropriate to the role of Lead Member in this field.