



COUNCIL – 17TH JULY 2018

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CADET REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT BY: INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To allow Council to consider the appointment of three Cadet Representatives, one from each of the Army Cadet Force, Royal Air Force Air Cadets, and Royal Navy Sea Cadets, for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year.
- 1.2 The appointment of Cadet Representatives will recognise the historic centenaries occurring this year; the RAF100 celebrations, commemorating 100 year since the inception of the RAF, and 100 years since the end of conflict in the First World War.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report proposes recognition of the contribution the armed forces make to the security of the county borough, now and historically, and the involvement of young people in our communities and society.
- 2.2 2018 is an historic year in armed forces history with two notable centenaries during the calendar year. The RAF100 celebrations are extending over the whole year. The centenary of the Armistice remembers the sacrifice of the 1.1 million service men and women who gave their lives in the First World War.
- 2.3 The appointment of a cadet from each of the forces will demonstrate to our armed forces community, both serving and veterans; armed forces families; young people involved in the cadet forces; and our communities that the County Borough Council recognises the contributions made.
- 2.4 In liaison with the cadet forces it is proposed that three cadets be appointed for the remainder of the calendar year and that they take a particular role in the remembrance services and Christmas carol concert.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Recognising the contribution made to the county borough contributes to the well-being goals for Wales, in particular a Wales of cohesive communities. Caerphilly County Borough Council signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant in 2013; the covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and the Armed Forces community in the area.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 This calendar year is an historic centenary of two major events in the history of the United Kingdom. On the 1st of April 1918 the Royal Air Force was formed through the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. To commemorate this RAF100 celebrations are spanning the year. The Armistice of the 11th of November 1918 ended fighting on land, sea and air in the First World War. Commemorative events are occurring throughout the year, the remembrance services that take place across the county borough are an important part of this.
- 4.2 The armed forces cadet services engage the county borough's young people in focussed activity, training and voluntary and community support initiatives that help build character and discipline while at the same time giving an insight into life in the UK armed forces. Engagement in cadet services can help young people access employment and further training or education. The Army Cadet Force and Royal Air Force Air Cadets have detachments and a squadron in the county borough area. The Royal Navy Sea Cadets have units in neighbouring authorities.
- 4.3 It is proposed that the cadet forces be asked to nominate three young people to be the Council's Cadet Representatives for the remainder of the calendar year, to time with the 2018 centenary celebrations. Cadet Representatives will be invited to attend events at the request of the Mayor, who will be supported by the Armed Forces Champion. Cadet Representatives will be asked to attend in the company of a parent/guardian or adult volunteer representative of the relevant cadet force for safeguarding purposes. Cadet Representatives will be provided with braids or badges as appropriate to their branch of the services. The Gwent Armed Forces Liaison Officer will assist with liaison with the cadet forces in the selection process. The Mayor's Office will assist with invitation to relevant events.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The sustainable development principle of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 states that public bodies should involve people who represent the full diversity of the county borough in its decisions and activities. Many people living within the county borough have a connection the armed forces either having served directly or being a family member of a person who has served.
- 5.2 Volunteering within the community of widely held as being beneficial to the well-being of the volunteer. The engagement of young people in volunteering can help with accessing future employment and training, supporting a Wales of Cohesive Communities and a Prosperous Wales.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An EIA screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and supplementary guidance. No potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact has been identified; therefore a full EIA has not been carried out.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Braids or badges for Cadet Representatives will be funded through Corporate Policy Unit budgets. Transport costs will be met by the parent/guardian, or the cadet force.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications in this report. Attendance at events by Cadet Representatives would be in the company of parents/guardians or senior officers from each cadet force.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in the body of this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That Council endorses the appointment of three Cadet Representatives one from each of the Army Cadet Force, Royal Air Force Air Cadets, and Royal Navy Sea Cadets as nominated by their respective force for the remainder of the calendar year, to time with the 2018 centenary celebrations on the following basis
- a) Cadet Representatives will be invited to attend events at the request of the Mayor, who will be supported by the Armed Forces Champion.
 - b) Cadet Representatives will be asked to attend in the company of a parent/guardian or adult volunteer representative of the relevant cadet force for safeguarding purposes.
 - c) Cadet Representatives will be provided with braids or badges as appropriate to their branch of the services.
 - d) The Gwent Armed Forces Liaison Officer will assist with liaison with the cadet forces in the selection process.
 - e) The Mayor's Office will assist with invitation to relevant events.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To allow Caerphilly County Borough Council to recognise the contributions made by the armed forces, and young people, to community life in the county borough.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 No relevant statutory power.

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