

# **Councillor Champion Role Profile**

## **Armed Forces Champion.**

### The Postholder:

- A serving MKC Councillor nominated by the Leaders of Political Groups with an interest in the Armed Forces community.
- Some Armed Forces experience and up to date knowledge on Armed Forces issues would be an advantage.
- Appointed by Council to emphasise the importance the Council places on the role.

### The Role:-

1. To be a conduit between Milton Keynes Council and the Armed Forces community in the city.
2. 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 city.
3. To maintain close liaison with the Mayor / Leader on all ceremonial matters in which the Mayor / Leader should be involved. (e.g. ranging from Armed Forces Day flag raising, attendance at local Armed Forces events, to Freedom Marches).
4. 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.
5. To Chair on a quarterly basis, an Armed Forces Liaison Group to oversee work on the Milton Keynes Covenant Action Plan.
6. To maintain close liaison with the South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (SERFCA).
7. 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.
8. To support local Cadet units by acting as a link with the local authority, and to look to provide local ceremonial, remembrance, and volunteering opportunities.