

Meeting of:	TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM
Date of Meeting:	11 MARCH 2024
Report Title:	PRESENTATION TO THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM BY THE REGIONAL ARMED FORCES COVENANT LIAISON OFFICER, BRIDGEND, NEATH PORT TALBOT & SWANSEA LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS
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Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	All 22 local authorities in Wales have a legal duty to pay ‘due regard’ to the principles of the Covenant. Many of whom have signed the Armed Forces Covenant, a promise that together we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, should not be disadvantaged by their service.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Town and Community Council Forum of a presentation proposed to be delivered by the Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer.

2. Background

- 2.1 Members will be accustomed to receiving presentations from its key partners and stakeholders.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 A presentation will be given to the Forum at its March meeting on the topic of the Armed Forces Covenant.
- 3.2 The presentation will detail why it is important for local authorities to pledge their commitment to and the legal duty of regard in terms of the Armed Forces Covenant.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum is recommended to note the presentation as referred to at paragraph 3.1 of the report.

Background documents

None.