

## **HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Full Council on 18 November 2020**

### **Agenda item 17: Motions on Notice**

A Motion on Notice has been received and will be moved and seconded at the meeting. It meets the requirements of Council Procedure Rule 12:

#### **MOTION 1: Supporting our veterans**

**Proposed by: Councillor Mortimer**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carter**

“This Council continues to recognise the need to support Veterans as a way of repaying our national heroes once they leave the armed forces. It also acknowledges the leadership of Boris Johnson's Government in creating the first ever Office for Veterans. This Council notes that all the councils in Hertfordshire are signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant and Hertsmere has a representative on the covenant board.

1. This Council is committed to supporting our Veterans in all walks of life and will continually seek new and inventive ways to recognise and honour their service. This commitment will allow the Council to use its position to help work with and influence other organisations and private sector companies to offer Veterans similar recognition and support.
2. The Authority will continue in all its operations to offer Veterans the added support via our representative on the Armed Forces Covenant Board
3. While this Council already recognises the devastating impact of homelessness, we are pleased to note Hertsmere's housing allocations policy makes provision for supporting veterans and in particular waiving the local connection provisions in accordance with regulations set out in 2012. We should also seek to assist in the rehabilitation of local veterans currently in UK prisons and assist with rehousing on their release.
4. This council recognises the special rates offered by the local leisure trust InspireAll to encourage use of the facilities which assists with Veterans' physical and mental well-being and would urge other business where possible to offer Veterans discounted rates.
5. In order to further assist our Veterans, we note there is a link on Council website pointing people towards the Hertfordshire Heroes at:  
<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Community/Community-Information/Hertfordshire-Heroes.aspx>  
We would like to see the council build on this online presence recognising the Hertfordshire Hero's website is the county wide agreed source for information, advice and planned events and commemoration activities. This would assist in sign posting individuals and highlight both how this Council can help them while illustrating the work they are doing in this area.
6. The Council will continue to fully commit to upholding the values set out in the Armed Forces covenant and requests updates to the Council's Executive on how this is being achieved at appropriate intervals. “