

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Stockport Armed Forces Annual Report 2022-23

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 31 October 2023**

**Report of: Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture & Sport**

**Key Decision: (b) No**

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Mark with a Y if applicable)

**Summary:**

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the progress of the Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group in line with the AFC Priorities refresh of 2021, outlining key achievements and future plans; in particular the incorporation of Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation ("SAFCO") and Armed Forces Day 2023.

**Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

This report represents considerable work from both the council and its partners to promote and celebrate our armed forces community, whilst improving the accessibility of council services to veterans and their families. The VCFSE sector has been empowered to lead and advocate for the local veteran community using their lived experience to create valuable programs and events that help to engage both veterans and civilians. Moving forward it is envisaged that the work that has taken place during the course of the last year will form a foundation from which the Armed Forces Covenant can develop and flourish, led by our VCFSE community.

**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

That Cabinet comment on and endorse the report.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(e)** Communities and Transport

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (g)** **No**

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

AGENDA ITEM

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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