

Member Champion Role Profile for the Civilian Military Task Group (CMTG)

In line with Herefordshire Council's constitution,

- The leader of the council may from time to time appoint individual councillors or other individuals to champion a particular issue within the council, with its partners, in communities, across the council, regionally or nationally.
- Such appointments will be made following consultation with political group leaders and the chief executive.
- Such champions shall have no formal decision making power and shall not take or purport to take any decisions on behalf of the council.

Purpose

The purpose of the CMTG Champion is to:

- act as a positive focus for the local community at elected Member level in respect of the Armed Forces Community Covenant for Herefordshire.

Key duties and responsibilities

The key duties and responsibilities of the Armed Forces Champion are to:

- together with relevant organisations develop and progress appropriate initiatives and activities to achieve the aims of the armed forces community in Herefordshire;
- represent the views of such organisations to officers, the council, the Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and other committees on all relevant aspects of the council's activities;
- act as an advocate on behalf of the armed forces community covenant within the council as an organisation and to the wider community;
- become familiar with the needs and priorities of the armed forces community in order to accurately address their needs;
- act as a conduit between the CMTG and the council in order to make relevant departments aware of relevant issues and where necessary explain the council's position on specific issues of concern to the CMTG and to individuals involved;
- publish an annual report on work undertaken over each year for consideration by the council;
- where appropriate, appoint sub-groups to support the work of the CMTG where this would not overlap with other established liaison or consultative mechanisms, in line with the requirements of the council's constitution.

Key skills

The key skills required of the Champion are:

- the ability to foster cross-party co-operation and to engage with relevant outside groups and officers;
- the ability to campaign with enthusiasm and persistence on behalf of their relevant section of community;
- good communication skills;
- good presentation and public speaking skills;
- good media skills.

Knowledge

The key knowledge required of the Champion are:

- up to date knowledge of the issues of concern to the relevant section of the community.

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