

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management, Councillor Christopher Marlow has made the following executive decision:

ARMED FORCES COVENANT PROGRESS UPDATE

Reference Report:

Enc. 1 for Armed Forces Covenant Progress Update, 20/05/2024 Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the refreshed Action Plan which sets out how the Council will deliver the Armed Forces Covenant in Bromley and measures progress be adopted.

Reasons:

The Armed Forces Covenant (AFC) was published in 2011 by the Government as part of its approach to ensure that the Armed Forces are valued and supported. The Armed Forces Act 2021 enshrines the Covenant into law for the first time, to help prevent serving armed forces personnel, military veterans and their families from being disadvantaged when accessing commercial and public services. A key feature of the Act is a new statutory duty to specified persons or bodies, including councils, to have due regard to the principles of the Covenant, when exercising certain housing, education, or healthcare functions (excluding social care). The Covenant is designed to set out the relationship between the Nation, the State and the Armed forces and seeks to formalise the moral obligation that has historically existed between the Nation and members of the Armed Forces and their families.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive Resources and Contracts PDS Committee on 20 May 2024 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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