

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING  
TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2013**

**Present:** Councillor Claire Kober, Leader of the Council

**In Attendance:** Xanthe Barker, Principal Committee Officer, Paul Dowling, Senior Policy Officer, Helena Pugh, Policy and Equalities Manager.

| MINUTE NO.    | SUBJECT/DECISION   | ACTION BY   |
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| <b>HSP34.</b> | <p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>   |   |
| <b>HSP35.</b> | <p><b>ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT</b></p> <p>The Leader considered a report, previously circulated, which set out the current services and support that the Council offers to service and ex service personnel and the potential support it could offer through a Community Covenant. The report also sought approval to commit the Council to signing a Community Covenant with the armed forces.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That, it be agreed that the Council be committed to signing an Armed Forces Community Covenant.</li> <li>ii. That the draft Community Covenant document, set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.</li> <li>iii. That it should be recommended that Cabinet and Council note and endorse the Community Covenant.</li> <li>iv. That a multi agency working group should be established to agree a Community Covenant action plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Alternative options considered</b><br/>The Council does not have to sign up to the Community Covenant – it is not a legal requirement; however; most other Local Authorities have committed to signing the Covenant.</p> <p><b>Reasons for decision</b><br/>The national Armed Forces Community Covenant initiative was launched by the government in May 2011 and provides a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local armed forces community. By signing the covenant the Council will be helping to support the armed forces community in the borough and to nurture public understanding and awareness of issues affecting the armed forces community.</p> | <p>Dir Strategy and Performance</p> <p>Dir Strategy and Performance</p> <p>Dir Strategy and Performance</p> |
| <b>HSP36.</b> | <p><b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b></p>   |   |

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