



RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

*at the Council Offices, Farnborough on
Thursday, 7th September, 2023 at 7.00 pm*

To:

Cllr M.D. Smith (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr K. Dibble (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr A. Adeola
Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr Jessica Auton
Cllr Jules Crossley
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr S. Trussler

Standing Deputy

Cllr Abe Allen
Cllr Peter Cullum
Cllr Nem Thapa
Cllr Gareth Williams

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A G E N D A

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – (Pages 1 - 6)**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2023 (copy attached).

2. **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY AND BRITISH GURKHA VETERANS – (Pages 7 - 24)**

At its meeting on 6th July, the Council resolved to refer a Notice of Motion which highlighted the additional support needs of British Gurkha Veterans living in the Borough to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

The Notice of Motion requested that:

- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee conduct a full assessment of all the ongoing issues, and supports the needs of our local armed forces community, including those relating to our local Gurkha Community and to produce a report; and
- The Leader of the Council to write to the Government raising these concerns.

Report No. DEM2306 (copy attached) sets out the background to the Armed Forces Covenant, provides background census data, details local, housing, healthcare and welfare support.

Dr Graham Cable, Chairman of South East Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee, will be joining online to provide expert advice and insight.

Councillors Sarki, Thapa and Belbase will be present at the meeting to present on the issues currently facing armed forces and Gurkha veterans arising from cost of living pressures.

Other Officers from relevant Council services will be present to assist the Committee with this enquiry.

3. **WORK PLAN – (Pages 25 - 32)**

To consider the Work Plan for the 2022/23 Municipal Year (copy attached).

MEETING REPRESENTATION

Members of the public may ask to speak at the meeting on any of the items on the agenda by writing to the Committee Administrator at the Council Offices, Farnborough by 5.00 pm two working days prior to the meeting.

Applications for items to be considered for the next meeting must be received in writing to the Committee Administrator fifteen working days prior to the meeting.
