

CABINET

COUNCILLOR SOPHIE PORTER  
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES & ACTIVE LIVES  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER

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KEY DECISION: NO

REPORT NO. ED2603

**NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY JUNE 2026 –  
FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP**

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

At its meeting on 25 November, the Cabinet considered Report No. PG2541, which set out the background to the Council's successful bid to host the National Armed Forces Day event in June 2026. A launch event was held on 5 December 2025.

Since that meeting work has been ongoing to establish a multi-agency Project Delivery Board and appoint an experienced event director to support the delivery of the event.

Given the significance of this project for the Council, it is considered appropriate to put in place some formal Member oversight of the project. Given the timescales involved, a cross-party Cabinet working group is being proposed which would meet on a 4 weekly cycle commencing during February and receive progress reports from the Project Delivery Board. The Working Group would be supported by officers from the Senior Leadership Team, including the Managing Director.

Group leaders will be invited to propose members for the working group in line with political balance but it is suggested that the Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities and Active Lives and the Armed Forces Champion would be core members of the Working Group.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Cabinet establish a National Armed Forces Day Working Group to oversee the delivery of the National Armed Forces Day Event 2026.

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