

Report

Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Launch of Lanarkshire Firm Base Website
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the launch of Lanarkshire Firm Base website

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the launch of Lanarkshire Firm Base website be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Firm Base was established by the Ministry of Defence to develop the delivery of policy and funding to support the military community and veterans in Scotland.
- 3.2. Following a request by the Royal Regiment of Scotland for an Armed Forces Covenant to be established, both North and South Lanarkshire Councils developed Lanarkshire Firm Base.
- 3.3. The organisation is the lead for delivering the key commitments contained in both councils' Armed Forces Community Covenants to ensure that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly.
- 3.4. Lanarkshire Firm Base meets 3 times a year to identify and discuss matters relevant to the community and is co-chaired by Councillors Cullen and Horsham, Veterans' Champions for North and South Lanarkshire Council respectively. It involves a number of organisations in Lanarkshire who can help support its aims.

4. Development of Website

- 4.1. As part of ongoing activity to promote the work of Lanarkshire Firm Base, a website has been created to signpost relevant information and contact details to support the military community and veterans. This will include information on employment and training, financial support, housing, education and health. Details of Lanarkshire Firm Base meetings and minutes will also be posted to the website.
- 4.2. The website will be officially launched on Saturday 19 June 2021 to coincide with the Council's Armed Forces Day and in advance of National Armed Forces week which commences on Monday 21 June 2021.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications in terms of this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications in terms of this report.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and the environment.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications in terms of risk.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment in terms of the content of this report.
- 8.2. Volunteers from membership of Lanarkshire Firm Base were consulted on the content and accessibility of the website.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council of 26 June 2019 and 19 December 2018
- ◆ Executive Committee of 16 May 2018

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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