



COUNCIL MEETING

16 June 2017

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor M Brain will move the following motion:

“This Council notes:

1. That Gateshead Council has played a leading role in highlighting the needs of the Armed Forces community and ensuring these are met, resulting in local and national recognition for the Council.
2. The obligations we owe the Armed Forces community within Gateshead as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.
3. The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Gateshead. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
4. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the Council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within Gateshead.

In light of the above, this Council moves to support and promote The Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community. We further call upon the UK Parliament, which will approve the final census questionnaire through legislation in 2019, to ensure that the 2021 census includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community.”

Seconded by: Councillor M Foy

Supported by: Councillor J McElroy
Councillor C Donovan