



**Delegated Decision No. CSD21**

**Cllr Nigel Ashton, Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Budgets, Partnerships and Weston-super-Mare Urban Extension with advice from the Head of Performance Improvement and HR**

**Subject: Armed Forces Co-Ordinator**

**Background:** North Somerset Council appointed an Armed Forces Co-ordinator in September 2015 to support and accelerate the delivery of the Armed Forces Community Covenant. The role was appointed on a fixed term basis for a period of two years, reflecting the availability of funding for the role at that time. The fixed term role which is a 20-hour per week post is due to come to an end on 6 September 2017.

**Decision:** To establish the role as a permanent post within the Council on a 20-hour per week basis and to approve a budget virement to allocate funding to the Corporate Services budget.

**Detail:** Working in partnership to deliver the Armed Forces Covenant commitments is a priority for the Council and the other members of the Armed Forces Partnership in North Somerset. The Armed Forces Co-ordinator role is pivotal to the delivery of this priority.

**Other Alternatives Considered:** Continuing the work of the Armed Forces Partnership without the dedicated Armed Forces Co-ordinator role was considered. However, it was felt that this would lead to a loss of momentum and missed opportunities and would not enable delivery of this priority.

**Financial Implications:** The costs associated with this post are £26,000. As there is currently no base budget within the Safer & Stronger Communities Service to meet these costs, a virement from the council's contingency budget will be made to the service budget to meet these costs from 6 September 2017 onwards.

**Implications for Future Years:** These are set out above.

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Leader of the Council

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Authorised by .....  
Head of Performance Improvement and HR

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