

## **Surrey Civilian Military Partnership**

The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board (SCMPB) support the commitment made in the Armed Forces Covenant to help ensure that the armed forces community in Surrey, made up of serving and ex-service personnel and veterans as well as their families are treated fairly and not disadvantaged by their service. The SCMPB fosters closer working relationships with the armed forces and is chaired by Surrey County Council. It comprises 11 Infantry Brigade, the Lord-Lieutenant, SERFCA, Police and Crime Commissioner, borough and district councils, Surrey Fire and Rescue, Service Charities, the Diocese of Guildford and partners in health, education and business.

The SCMPB meets twice a year usually in March/April and September/October. In addition the Board hosts an annual conference, usually held in March each year. The board is supported in its work by the Recognise and Remember Task Group which looks at commemoration events including VE Day, VJ Day, Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Sunday as well as helping to support veteran hubs across the county.

The appointed councillor would be asked to represent the Surrey Leaders at the meetings of the SCMPB to represent their views as well as feeding back any issues. In addition they would be invited to attend the annual conference.

The district and borough councillors who have been appointed as Armed Forces Champions for their authority are invited to attend the Recognise and Remember Task Group. If the Leaders nominee is also an Armed Forces Champion (as has been the case previously) they will also be invited to attend the Recognise and Remember Task Group which meets 3 times a year, usually in March, June and September.