

Agenda Item 11f

AGENDA ITEM 11(f) - Commonwealth Armed Forces Veterans Support

Amendment

From the first paragraph delete all after 'We call upon the Council to' and insert:

reaffirm its commitment to the Royal British Legion's Stop the Service Charge campaign which was passed in a motion at this Council with cross party support in October 2019. Additionally the motion supported all non-Commonwealth foreign personnel, as well as Commonwealth personnel, serving in the British armed forces for at least four years to have their Indefinite Leave to Remain visa fees, nearly £2,500 per person, waived as set out in House of Commons Early Day Motion 2164 which gained cross party support in the last session of parliament.

That Portsmouth City Council additionally confirms its support for all non-Commonwealth foreign and Commonwealth personnel who have served at least 10 years in the British armed forces to be granted automatic British citizenship.

To show its continued support for the Royal British Legion's Stop the Service Charge campaign, the cross party parliamentary campaign to also waive Indefinite Leave to Remain visa fees for non-Commonwealth foreign as well as Commonwealth service personnel and this council's call to grant automatic citizenship to all British armed forces personnel from non-Commonwealth foreign and Commonwealth countries after ten years of service, letters from this Council will be prepared to send to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Defence Secretary, signed by all members of the Council who wish to sign them.

This Council also calls on Portsmouth's two MPs, Penny Mordaunt and Stephen Morgan, to publicly support these actions and stand up for all service personnel and former service personnel in this city, no matter where in the world they come from.

Proposed by (Name) Councillor Matthew Winnington

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