

Cross-Party Group on The Armed Forces and Veterans Community

25 February 2025 at 6:00pm in The Scottish Parliament (CR 4) and on-line.

Agenda

Confirmation of Attendance

Apologies (5 mins)

Agenda item 1

Introductions and Opening Remarks Maurice Golden MSP (Convenor) and Maurice Corry (Chair). (5 mins)

Agenda item 2

Minutes of the previous meeting, 27 November 2024 (5 mins)

Agenda item 3 - Support when leaving the Services:

Employment Preparation - Lorraine Cardle/Lisa Whitson CTP (10 mins)

Support after Service – James Murphy/Leanne Bonner FEC (10 mins)

Networking with Employers – Heather McVeigh OAS (10 mins)

Discussion – Confirm the message, what do members of the SAFVC bring for employers? (5 mins)

What structure might need to be put in place if a similar service to that provided by OAS could be put in place for non-Officer service leavers/veterans? (5 mins)

Agenda item 4 - Enabling Employment Opportunities

Opportunities in Cyber - Andrew Jackson Salute my Jobs (10 mins)

Opportunities in Health – Ed Challis NHS Scotland (10 mins)

Employer Recognition Scheme – Colin Vooght LRFCA (10 mins)

Discussion – How might the framework currently being provided for Cyber-Security and for assisting veterans into NHS Scotland be extended to other sectors and other Scottish Government departments. (5 mins)

What are the messages about veterans that employers are most interested in. (5 mins)

Agenda Item 5

Open Forum Discussion. By the end of the session it would be useful to have identified: (10 mins)

- the interested groups and organisations that should be promoting the message about the benefits of employing members of the AFVC;
- what the common themes that should be promoted to employers/potential employers are;
- what other statutory organisations could follow the lead of SG Health in promoting employability in the NHS;
- what industry sectors are best placed to follow the cyber-security lead (I know that the textile industry has done this previously);
- how might an OAS style network be extended to benefit non-Officer members of the AFVC;

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Dates of next meetings: Wed 4 Jun; Tues 16 Sep; Wed 26 Nov.

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