

Title of Report:	Conference Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting
Date of Meeting:	27 January 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	See cost against each Conference
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	3101-62507
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses that they may wish to attend. The following is listed:

2.0 Armed Forces Covenant Conference 2026

Date: Tuesday 23rd – Wednesday 24th June 2026

Location: Guildhall, Portsmouth

Cost: Travel and accommodation (£450 pp approx. for 3 nights)

- 2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community which Council signed in January 2017. This Covenant encompasses the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces at a local level.
- 2.2 The annual Armed Forces Covenant Conference is an opportunity for everyone interested in delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant to get together to network, to share best practice, and to learn about the latest Covenant developments.
- 2.3 It is organised by the Ministry of Defence, and attended by representatives from central, devolved and local government, the leading Armed Forces charities, the NHS and education sectors, academics, and more. There will be a range of keynote speakers and breakout sessions, information stands from third sector organisations including networking opportunities. Further information is available at <https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/conference>

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the Conference Report and recommend that Council's Veterans' Champion and Deputy Veterans' Champion attend.