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Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motions:-

1. Armed Forces Act 2021

This Council stands firmly behind our UK Armed Forces and fully supports the aims of the Armed Forces Covenant, welcomes the new Armed Forces Act, but sees the legislation as a missed opportunity to improve the lives of veterans here in Sunderland.

This Council therefore notes with disappointment:

- that the Act which makes Sunderland Council and local public bodies legally bound to have “due regard” to the Covenant when providing support to Forces communities but exempts central government from any such duty, creating a two-tier Covenant for veterans.
- that Labour led proposals backed by the Royal British Legion and ex-Service chiefs to enshrine the Covenant fully into law but Conservative MPs voted down these plans to improve Armed Forces accommodation, employment support and pensions and to end the scandal of visa fees for Commonwealth and Gurkha personnel.

This Council therefore resolves to continue the campaign with Forces’ charities to see the Government strengthen the Covenant and improve vital services to veterans.

Councillor P. Tye (Proposer)
Councillor G. Miller (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Tye	Councillor K. Johnston	Councillor L. Williams
Councillor G. Miller	Councillor P. Walker	Councillor J. Usher
Councillor M. Butler	Councillor J. Heron	Councillor C. Rowntree
Councillor S. Foster	Councillor P. Smith	Councillor K. Chequer
Councillor P. Stewart	Councillor F. Miller	Councillor L. Farthing

2. Leader of the Council

This Council expresses no confidence in the Leader of the Council and, in accordance with the Local Government Act (2000), requires his removal from that post.

Councillor P. Donaghy (Proposer)
Councillor A. Mullen (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Donaghy	Councillor M. Hartnack
Councillor L. Reed	Councillor D. McDonough
Councillor J. McKeith	Councillor C. Burnicle
Councillor R. Dunn	Councillor A. Mullen

