

## **Armed Forces Covenant and Military Compensation Reasons for Call-In**

1. The notice of motion asked Torbay Council to erect a plaque to commemorate the national servicemen of Torbay. The Cabinet failed to give any tangible reason not to do so. A simple search on the Imperial War Museum website will demonstrate that Torbay as a whole has a significantly lower number of war memorials in comparison to other similarly sized communities, such as Exeter or Portsmouth.
2. Cabinet appears to have completely misunderstood the Royal British Legion Credit Their Service campaign which has requested that local authorities disregard compensation payments made to service personnel when calculating benefits such as Discretionary Housing Benefit and Disabled Facilities Grants etc. Since submitting the notice of motion, we have become aware that in Torbay Disabled Facilities Grants were the only grant where such disregards were not applied. These benefits were clearly stated within the notice of motion. Cllr Thomas suggested that there was no mention of DFGs and asked to be 'jumped upon' if there was a mention in the notice of motion. Cabinet remained silent and so was complicit in misleading the meeting on this point. Cllr Billings also suggested that DFGs did not feature within the notice of motion, compounding the confusion. In fact, he stated it was "only raised during debate". In light of the above, we would ask that Overview and Scrutiny request that Cabinet reconsider their decision.

Proposer: Councillor Steve Darling

Seconder: Councillor Harvey

Appendix 1 – Original Motion

Appendix 2 – Cabinet Record of Decision