

MILITARY-CIVILIAN INTEGRATION TASK GROUP

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The chairman of the O & S Management Committee has requested an update on the work being done by the MCIP Task Group.

- 1 The Task Group met with the Project Manager of the Army basing project, Kevin Ladner and, with one or two reservations (such as the absence of detailed risk registers for each of the project's workstreams), was satisfied that the project management arrangements were broadly satisfactory and that the overall project appeared to be progressing well..
- 2 However, since that meeting Kevin Ladner has left Wiltshire Council and no replacement has yet been appointed. This is of concern.
- 3 The Task Group has also had discussions about the potential for Army Basing to have a negative impact on the present settled population. In particular: Increased ASB in some locations; and increased pressure on all local services. However, we have not been able to find a way of providing a reliable baseline against which to measure any such adverse impacts.
- 4 We have produced a definition of what we think successful Military-Civilian integration looks like and have devised a survey questionnaire for Area Boards, Town and Parish Councils affected by the Basing programme. This survey includes our definition and poses questions aimed at testing those characteristics. This will build up a baseline picture of the current nature and extent of Military/Civilian integration against which comparisons can be made in, say one or two years' time. A copy of the proposed Survey is attached.
- 5 The questionnaire will be tested at Tidworth which appears to provide a good example of successful integration.

Richard Britton, Task Group Chair

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