

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet member/officer (delete as appropriate)

*(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))*

## DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Leader of the Council (Cllr David Clifford) and Andrew Colver (Head of Democracy and Community)

## DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Aldershot has been the home of the British Army since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Rawalpindi is the home of the Pakistani Army. The Council and the Aldershot Garrison have been approached by key representatives from the Muslim Community. It has been proposed that the Council (through the Mayor) and Aldershot Garrison (through the Garrison Commander) will host an event that will mark the role and importance that Aldershot and Rawalpindi play with their respective armies, through the signing of a statement of goodwill and collaboration.

The statement (attached) will act as a basis to:

- Celebrate and share the military heritage of both districts
- Establish and develop links between the military authorities
- Develop and strengthen links between the communities, if appropriate

The event will focus on co-operation and mutual understanding but does not commit the Council to:

- Any formal link with Rawalpindi
- Specific work or resources arising from the collaborative event
- Requesting the Rushmoor International Association to establish a connection with Rawalpindi

## DATE DECISION TAKEN

22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

*(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)*

There is no alternative option except not to hold the event. However, the link between the key roles that Aldershot and Rawalpindi play to their respective armies will not be recognised.

## ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

*(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).*

None

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Andrew Colver – Head of Democracy and Community)

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(Cllr David Clifford – Leader of the Council)