

REQUEST	RESPONSE
<p>At a meeting on 21 April 2016, a Report to Cabinet on the subject of 4Our Forces Project was presented.</p> <p>It stated that the Council had been successful in its bid for £391k of Ministry of Defence funding.</p> <p>£20,000 of this money was for an outreach vehicle.</p> <p>Was this outreach vehicle purchased? If so, where is it?</p> <p>If it was not provided, where is the money, what was the reason for not buying it and who took that decision?</p>	<p>The outreach vehicle was not purchased as despite a number of calls for evidence to the Armed Forces community, there was no grounding for the purchase of a vehicle. Moreover, Former Forces Support and other charities were, at the time, operating a vehicle in support of the Armed Forces Community in Wigan.</p> <p>This decision was put forward by Director of Economy and Regeneration and agreed by the portfolio holder for the Armed Forces Covenant. The decision was made by the MOD Covenant Trust Fund. The £20,000 remained in the fund and was used to extend the Armed Forces Key Workers in post as their impact was having a positive effect on the Armed Forces Community.</p> <p>Since the 4ourForces project has completed, Wigan Council now operates an outreach vehicle from the Armed Forces HQ for use in support of the Armed Forces community.</p>