

SE - Agile Stance Campaign Plan (ASCP)

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of Defence****Sent on behalf of Defence Relationship Management (DRM)**

Good afternoon,

We have been asked to share the following information with you regarding Agile Stance Campaign Plan (ASCP) which involves Reservists employed by your organisation.

As part of the Agile Stance Campaign Plan (ASCP), there will be a F2F 'Muster' of Volunteer Reservists throughout October 2021. The 'Muster' is not a preparation for a specific mobilisation of Volunteer Reserves.

Key points to note:

a. Agile Stance Campaign Plan (ASCP) and the Reserves. ASCP is a four-year series of activities aimed at improving homeland resilience and our ability to mobilise rapidly to oppose any growing threat. The UK's Volunteer Reserve Forces will be involved in these activities which will test their roles in UK resilience and their part in supporting the UK's war-fighting capability through rapid mobilisation.

b. Reserves Forces Review 2030 (RF30). The Volunteer Reserves are changing. The recent RF30 review envisages a wider role for Defence Reservists that is more integrated into the Regular Force whilst still retaining its own unique character. Evaluation of the RF30 recommendations is under way but COVID 19 has restricted the ability of many of our Volunteer Reservists to begin this adaptation. Now that COVID 19 restrictions to Volunteer Reserve training are being gradually eased there is an opportunity to begin this transformation and the ASCP will play a part in this change.

c. Being Ready. ASCP will, over a period of 4 years, gradually build on today's ability of the UK's Volunteer Reserves to support Defence in a variety of potential conflict and UK resilience scenarios. The emphasis will be on overall 'readiness' with Volunteer Reservists trained and ready should there be a need to use them.

d. Face to Face 'Muster'. Following training restrictions imposed during COVID 19 the training 'habit' of our Volunteer Reserve forces has been eroded. In order to assess the current state of our Volunteer Reserves and begin returning to a culture a readiness a F2F 'Muster' of most Volunteer Reserves will occur during the month of October 2021. This will involve each Volunteer Reservist physically parading at an appropriate location to have their JPA records

updated. This will be conducted under their single Service or UKStratCom command and is likely to coincide with, or run in parallel with, an already scheduled routine training evening or event.

Kind Regards,

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