

# **AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

BETWEEN

LEEDS CITY COUNCIL

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN LEEDS

**We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to honour the Armed Forces Community Covenant.**

## **Signatories**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Community**

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Leeds City Council**

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Leeds

And

Leeds City Council

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

2.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It is intended to complement the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Leeds and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Leeds.

2.3 For Leeds City Council, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.

2.4 For the Armed Forces community, the Community Covenant encourages the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

## **SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS**

### **Aims of the Community Covenant**

3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant complements the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant which defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community

3.2 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

### **SECTION 4: Measures**

4.1 Approve and pledge support for an Armed Forces Community Covenant in Leeds.

4.2 Approve the establishment of an Armed Forces liaison officer within the council to work with Armed Forces representatives to ensure equal access to all council services for serving or veteran Armed Forces personnel, to ensure that no personnel or their families are disadvantaged.

4.3 Agree a bi-annual invite be issued to the senior representative for the Armed Forces to attend a council wide meeting to update officers on strategic developments within the Armed Forces that may impact on local government.

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