



**Corporate
Covenant**

The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

Between

SOVINI

And

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2015



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of Defence**



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An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families.

They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

1.1 We **Sovini** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 **Sovini** recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

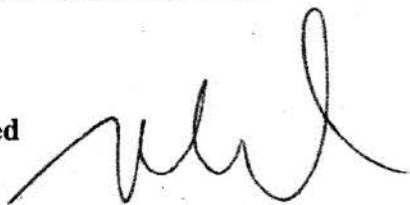
- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;*
- *seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old;*
- *striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;*
- *endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment;*
- *seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible;*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.

Signatories

Date: 1st November 2015

Signed



Name Mr Roy Williams

Position Held: C.E.O

Signed on behalf of
Sovini

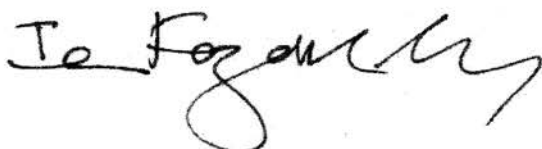
Signed



Name Lt Col David Ashman RLC

Position Held: Commanding Officer
156 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps
Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces
Community

Signed



Name Mr Ian Fazakerley

Position Held: Group Executive Director
Housing – Customer Services

Signed on behalf of
Sovini

Signed



Name Lt Col (Retired) SR Wotherspoon

Position Held: SaBRE Campaign Director
NW Reserve Forces & Cadet Association

Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces
Community

Signed



Name Major Roly Sutton

Position Held: Unit Employer Support Officer
156 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps

Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces
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