



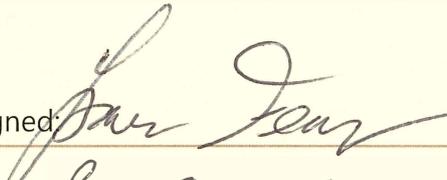
**ARMED FORCES  
COVENANT**

## Falmouth Town Council

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:  
**Ministry of Defence**

Signed on behalf of:  
**Falmouth Town Council**

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Name: Brig G W FRASER MBE ADC FM

Name: G. CAPPER

Position: Naval Regional Commander

Position: MAYOR

Date: 15/5/19

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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 Covenant

1.1 We **Falmouth Town Council** 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 **Falmouth Town Council** 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;***

- by displaying the Armed Forces Covenant logo on our Corporate website and email signature
- promoting our work, activities and events through our own digital & social media channels as well as working with the press
- publishing our Covenant pledge on our website

➤ ***Seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old;***

- seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old by working with and advertising vacancies through the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces Community
- to ensure employment opportunities are made available to Veterans
- welcoming applications from Veterans who meet the criteria in the job specification
- recognising military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process

➤ ***Striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;***

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- working with and advertising vacancies with Recruit for Spouses, as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces Community
- welcoming applications from spouses/partners who meet the criteria in the job specification
  
- ***Endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment;***
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- ***Seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible;***
  - We recognise the importance of the role the Reserve Forces play and will be flexible in this matter where possible
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  - staff are actively encouraged to become Reservists
  - up to 2 weeks per year of special paid leave is available to attend annual training camps
  - accommodation of Reserve training commitments wherever possible
  - fully supporting and accommodating mobilised deployment of Reservist employees if required
  
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  - staff are actively encouraged to become members of the Cadet Forces
  - up to 2 weeks per year of special paid leave may be available to attend annual training camps and courses
  - accommodation of Cadet training commitments where possible
  - considering sponsorship bids to support worthwhile Cadet projects
  - encouraging the participation of Cadet Forces in civic and community events

➤ ***Aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;***

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➤ ***Additional Commitments;***

- encourage and support employee fundraising for Service Charities
- continue to work with Falmouth Veterans Organisations to support their work and involve them with civic and municipal events, including recognising the Freemen of the Town (the American 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Royal Navy Association, Merchant Navy Association and Royal Fleet Auxiliary)
- to continue to work with the Officers and Crew of the Town's affiliate vessel RFA Mount's Bay to ensure close and friendly links with the Town
- the Mayor's Office to continue to work with Falmouth Veterans Organisations and the Royal Navy Officer presence at Falmouth Docks to provide suitable acts of community remembrance
- to continue the close and friendly relationship between the Council and Royal Navy Officer presence at Falmouth Docks
- to continue the tradition of Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary Captain's visits to the Town Mayor

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.