



AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT

BETWEEN

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, local Representatives of: the Charitable, Voluntary, Health, Housing, Education and Business Sectors


AND

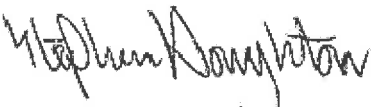
The Armed Forces Community in the Borough of Barnsley.


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


16th March 2020

Signatories

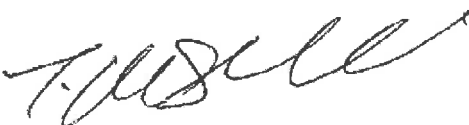
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Signed on behalf of Barnsley Council
Date:

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Position Held: Leader of the Council
Signed on behalf of Barnsley Council
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**Signed on behalf of the Business and
Commercial Sector**

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Cllr Joe Hayward

Position Held: Armed Forces Champion

Signed on behalf of Barnsley Council

Date:

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

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 Royal Navy, British 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: PARTICIPANTS

1.1 This Armed Forces Covenant is made between:

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

And

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

And

The Charitable, Voluntary, Education, Housing and Business Sectors

SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces community. This Covenant encompasses the moral obligation between the nation, the government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is based upon two key principles:

- The Armed Forces community should not face 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.

2.3 The purpose of this Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces community working and residing in Barnsley 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 Barnsley.

2.4 For Barnsley MBC and partner organisations, the 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.

2.5 For the Armed Forces community, the 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 Covenant

3.1 The Armed Forces Covenant 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 servicemen and women, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the Ministry of Defence, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sectors. 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.

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