



## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report is to agree an Armed Forces Community Covenant pledge.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. At the meeting of the County Council on 17 May 2012 it was agreed that the County Council enter into an armed forces community covenant for Nottinghamshire.
3. The Community Covenant complements the Armed Forces Covenant and encourages local communities to develop a relationship with the service community in their area. This includes both serving members of the armed forces and veterans.
4. The Community Covenant is based around the signing of a Community Covenant pledge. The pledge sets out what a Community Covenant seeks to achieve in a particular area and is signed by representatives from all parts of the Community.
5. Council agreed to develop a Community Covenant Pledge for Nottinghamshire in partnership with the local armed forces community.

#### **Community Covenant Pledge**

6. The Ministry of Defence is encouraging the Armed Forces Community to be involved in the scheme and to take a proactive approach to forging links with Local Authorities in their area. The County Council has been invited by representatives of the Royal British Legion and the Army to consider establishing a Community Covenant.
7. The development of a Community Covenant Pledge provides the County Council with an opportunity to further develop its relationship with the armed forces in Nottinghamshire and to record the important contributions that it already makes in respect to the armed forces, including events on Flag Day and Armistice Day.
8. The proposed Community Covenant Pledge for Nottinghamshire is attached as an appendix to the report and has been developed in consultation with representatives of the armed forces community in the county.

9. A number of initial actions have been identified to honour the Community Covenant Pledge and are set out as an appendix to the report. It is proposed that progress against these actions be reported to the Policy Committee.

### **Other Options Considered**

10. None.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

11. The development and signing of a community covenant actions the resolution of Council in May 2012.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that

1. Council agree the Armed Forces Community Covenant Pledge for Nottinghamshire and the actions set out to honour the pledge
2. the County Council publicly sign the covenant.

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**Leader of the Council**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SG 23/10/2012)**

13. Full Council is the appropriate body to decide on the issues set out in this Report.

### **Financial Comments (MA 24/10/2012)**

14. The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no financial implications arising.

## **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All