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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-036684-18
Armed Forces Covenant**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Armed Forces Covenant. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

1. Whether Nottinghamshire County Council has an elected Armed Forces Covenant Champion, and if so, how long they have been in the role. Councillor Keith Girling, since May 2017.

2. Furthermore, in reference to the 2016 'Our Community – Our Covenant; Improving the delivery of local Covenant pledges' report, which states: "Around half of councils report that they have an action plan, but only 20 per cent say that the plan is active" I would like to know whether Nottinghamshire County Council has an action plan. If yes: I would like to know the details of the plan, whether it is active, and if it is monitored and reviewed. Our strategy and action plan are currently being refreshed and goes to Policy Committee in April for signing off. It is constantly under review and monitored by the Armed Forces Lead Officer, Neil Bettison. The strategy and action plan once sign off will be published on our public website. www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/supporting-armed-forces

3. Has Nottinghamshire County Council established an armed covenant forum (which includes military representatives, charities and council members)? Nottinghamshire County Council [NCC] supported the establishment and provides the secretariat for both the Civil and Military Partnership Board [CMPB]. And the Veterans Information Network Nottinghamshire [VINN] both groups are well represented from across the Armed Forces Community and public bodies

4. I would also like to know whether Nottinghamshire County Council has any schemes specifically aimed at the veteran community (e.g employment, healthcare & housing schemes). Working in partnership with The Defence and Medical Welfare Service DMWS, NCC are actively delivering an Aged Veteran programme aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness amongst veterans over 65. Other initiatives include working with and funding Armed Forces Charities and Housing services to provide, Information, advice and guidance with regards to employment [CV's], finance, health and well-being and housing.

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We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

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Yours sincerely

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