



AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT

BETWEEN

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL,

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, REPRESENTING
THE ARMED FORCES CHARITIES

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN MANCHESTER

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

Signatories

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces
Community**

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Armed Forces
Charities**

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held: County Manager

**Signed on behalf of the Business
and Commercial Sector**

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of Manchester City
Council**

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

**Signed on behalf of the Voluntary
Sector**

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held: Branch Chairman

**Signed on behalf of the Primary
Care Trust/NHS Body**

Date:

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 the City of Manchester

And

Manchester City Council

And

The Royal British Legion representing the Armed Forces Charities

And

The Armed Forces Community in Manchester

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 Manchester 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 Manchester

2.4 For Manchester City Council and partner organisations, the Community 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 such as the Welfare Pathway.

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 Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. 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.

SECTION 4: Measures

4.1 Manchester city Council will continue to recognise the role of the Armed Forces both within the city and nationally.

4.2 The City Council will work with the Armed Forces community, the charitable and voluntary sectors and private sector partners in the City with the objective of avoiding disadvantage to the Armed Forces community in service provision and to promote development of a reciprocal relationship between the local Armed Forces and civilian communities.

4.3 To take this forward, a Community Covenant Board has been established with key partners. The initial aims include:

- To oversee the implementation of the Manchester Community Covenant, including the development of an action plan, with key outcomes and owners.
- To work to assist transition of members of the Service community and their families, particularly in relation to the key areas of education, health, housing, welfare and employment.
- To raise awareness of the armed services and the contribution that they make locally and nationally, including through events such as the Remembrance Sunday commemorations and Armed Forces Day Thank You event; and to also raise awareness of their needs.
- To identify opportunities to integrate, wherever possible, military and civilian activities and events to the mutual benefit of both communities.
- To help create a culture where Armed Forces and Cadet Organisations in Manchester can offer support to their local civilian communities.

- To publicise the services that the Council and its partners offer to serving and retired members of the Armed Forces and their families in Manchester and to ensure that effective signposting to services is in place.

4.4 We will encourage communities to bring forward appropriate projects in Manchester to bid from the National Community Covenant Grant Scheme and the Armed Forces Covenant Grant Scheme and the Armed Forces (LIBOR) Fund.

4.5 The Community Covenant Board will report annually on progress to the City Council and the partners of this agreement.

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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 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.