

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	13 June 2023
Title:	Supporting our Armed Forces Community
Report From:	Director People and Organisation

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 notes and acknowledges the wide range of support provided for the Armed Forces Community.
- 1.2 notes the new “Covenant Duty” and how the Council fulfils this duty.
- 1.3 agrees that the Council should update and re-sign the Armed Forces Covenant Pledge taking account of the Covenant Duty using the draft wording at appendix C to the report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- To Provide an overview of the context and background of the Armed Forces Covenant in the County Council.
- Highlight the size and presence of the Armed Forces Community within Hampshire.
- Inform Cabinet about the wide range of support given to our Armed Forces Communities – the County Council is recognised nationally as being a leading authority in the support we provide.
- Update Cabinet on the new statutory obligations (the Covenant Duty) under the Armed Forces Act 2021 and the actions being taken to ensure the Council is compliant.
- Give an overview of the Council’s existing Covenant Pledge with a recommendation to update and re-sign the Pledge taking account of the new Covenant Duty.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Cllr Rob Humby**

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