



Community Covenant

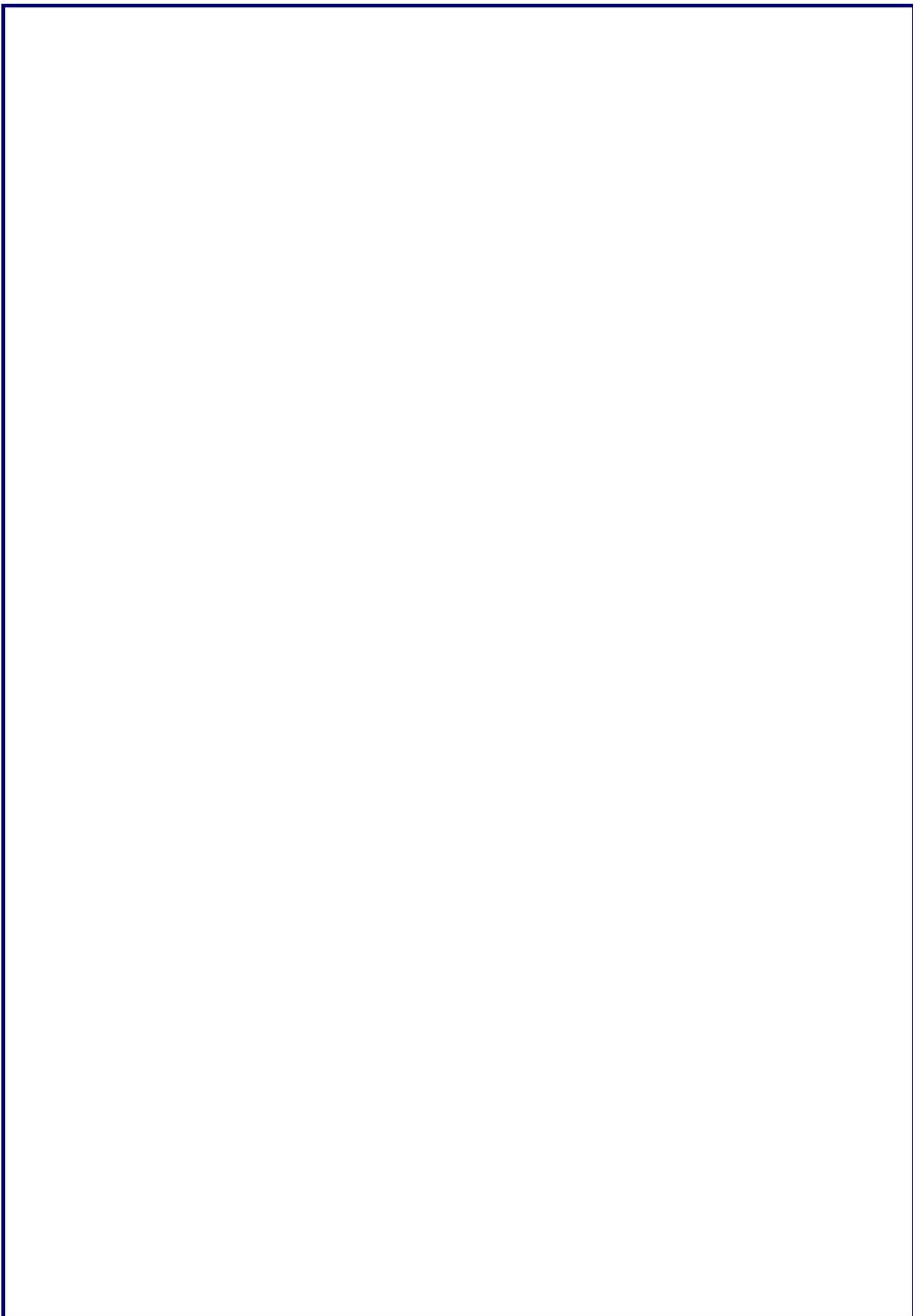
BETWEEN

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN HAMPSHIRE





THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR HAMPSHIRE

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

Signatories

Signed on behalf of Hampshire County Council

Cllr Ken Thornber CBE
Leader of Hampshire County Council

Signed on behalf of the Naval Service Community

Commodore Tim Hennessey DL BSc MA
Naval Regional Commander for Eastern England

Signed on behalf of the Army Community

Brigadier Neil Baverstock OBE MA
Regional Brigade Commander, 145 (South) Brigade, Army

Signed on behalf of the Royal Air Force Community

Group Captain Finlay McLean MA BA
MBIFM RAF
Commander, Defence School of Logistics and Personnel Administration (Worthy Down)

SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

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

and

Hampshire County Council

SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

2.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It is intended to complement the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Hampshire 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 Hampshire.

2.3 For Hampshire County Council, 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.

2.4 For the Armed Forces community, the Community 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 Community Covenant

3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant complements the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant which 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 Hampshire County Council has proactively established a tri-service Civilian Military Partnership Board, in order to co-ordinate and direct implementation of support to the Armed Forces across Hampshire. We will continue to develop and support this programme of work which includes the Welfare Pathway initiative; supporting Reservists; working closely with the Health Service and other organisations and providing future support to wounded, injured and sick personnel.

4.2 Hampshire County Council will oversee the long-term planning and decision making in the support services provided by the County Council to the Armed Forces. It will identify, resource and deliver short term joint county council/military projects and aspires to assemble, design and manage joint construction projects to improve support facilities and services.

4.3 The Civilian Military Partnership Board will measure success and will report yearly to Hampshire County Council Cabinet, the Hampshire Senate and the Ministry of Defence.

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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.