



**Notice of a public meeting of
Decision Session - Economic Development and Community
Engagement (Deputy Leader)**

To: Councillor Aspden (Executive Member)
Date: Thursday, 16 June 2016
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: The Rowntree Room (GO62) - West Offices

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At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member is asked to declare:

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- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

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3. Refresh of the York Community Covenant (Pages 1 - 12)

This report provides an update in relation to the Council's work with York's local armed forces through the Community Covenant. The establishment of a York Armed Forces Forum is proposed.

4. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Executive Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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**Decision Session – Executive Member for
Economic Development and Community
Engagement (Deputy Leader)**

16 June 2016

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture & Public Realm)

Refresh of the York Community Covenant

Summary

1. This report provides an update in relation to the Council's work with York's local armed forces through the Community Covenant. The establishment of a York Armed Forces Forum is proposed.

Recommendations

2. The Executive Member is asked to:
 - a) Agree to a re-signing of the Covenant as part of events surrounding Armed Forces Day
 - b) Designate the Council's Executive Member and lead officer who will be responsible for and oversee the Council's commitment to the covenant work as the Executive Member for Economic Development and Community Engagement and the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture & Public Realm respectively)
 - c) Agree York's Community Covenant action plan to be managed by a new York Armed Forces Forum

Reason: To reconfirm City of York Council's commitment to the York Community Covenant.

Background

3. In May 2011, The Government published the Armed Forces Covenant, which encouraged the adoption of Community Covenants between local communities and the local armed forces community in order to:
 - Encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces Community in their areas
 - Nurture public understanding and awareness of issues affecting the Armed Forces Community

- Recognise and remember the sacrifices faced by the Armed Forces Community
 - Encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces Community into local life
 - Encourage the Armed Forces Community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects, or other forms of engagement
4. The Community Covenant was launched in December 2011 with representatives of City of York Council, The Army, Navy, Royal Air Force, veterans, charities and other key figureheads joining together to sign a scroll to mark the launch.

Progress since the last review

5. Successes since 2011 include:
- Formation of a York Community Covenant Task group which has representatives from all the key organisations
 - Local projects have accessed funding from the Community Covenant Grant Scheme, including:
 - Strensall Youth and & Sports Association – refurbishment of community facilities and the addition of a MUGA
 - Fishergate and Robert Wilkinson Primary Schools – for play equipment on the schools site
 - Soldier On Project – a social enterprise offering training, employment, advice and advocacy for both forces veterans and the wider community.
 - Army Welfare Service – Play based project for services families
 - Annual Armed Forces Day celebrations have been held in the City

Proposals

6. The latest Community Covenant Task Group was held on 15th March 2016 after a period of hiatus and it was agreed that York should re-affirm its commitment to the Community Covenant work through :
- A public re-signing of the Community Covenant as part of the events surrounding Armed Forces Day

- Naming an Executive Member to act as Armed Forces champion who will be responsible for overseeing the council's commitment to the Covenant work. It is proposed that this be the Executive Member for Economic Development and Community Engagement. It is also proposed to name the Council's Assistant Director for Communities, Culture & Public Realm to act as the senior officer point of contact.
 - Recognising and signing off a Community Covenant Action Plan for York which has been developed and endorsed in conjunction with the York Community Covenant Task Group (attached at Annex 1)
7. It is proposed that the Community Covenant Task Group be constituted as the York Armed Forces Forum.

Options

8. It is open to the Executive Member to:
- Propose any amendment to the covenant action plan
 - Decide whether to sign the refreshed covenant

Analysis

9. The report reaffirms the Council's commitment to the Community Covenant. The action plan provides further details of the projects and work areas that the Council is committed to deliver, working in partnership with the York Community Covenant Task Group.

Council Plan

10. The Community Covenant contributes to the following Council Plan priorities:
- All York's residents live and thrive in a city which allows them to contribute fully to their communities and neighbourhoods
 - All children and adults are listened to, and their opinions considered
 - Residents are encouraged and supported to live healthily
 - Focus on the delivery of frontline services for residents and the protection of community facilities.
 - Focus on cost and efficiency to make the right decisions in a challenging financial environment.

Implications

11. **Financial:** Funding for projects identified through York Armed Forces Forum will seek to draw down external funding via the Community Covenant national fund.
12. **Equalities:** An EIA screening has been completed. The Community Covenant action plan will address equality issues within this community of identity.
13. There are no **Human Resources, Crime and Disorder, Legal, Information Technology, Property** or **Other** implications.

Risk Management

14. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy the main risks that have been identified associated with the proposals contained in this report are those which could lead to the inability to meet business objectives and to deliver services, leading to damage to the Council's reputation and failure to meet stakeholders' expectations. The level of risk is assessed as "Low". This is acceptable but means that regular monitoring is required of the operation of the new arrangements.

Annexes

York Community Covenant Task Group – draft action plan

Abbreviations

EIA- Equality Impact Assessment

MUGA- Multi Use Games Area

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	Report Approved	✓	Date 6 June 2016
Specialist Implications Officers: Not applicable			

Wards Affected:	All	✓
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York Community Covenant Action Plan 2016

York's Community Covenant sets out the relationship between CYC, partners and the local armed forces. The covenant exists to redress the disadvantages that the armed forces community may face in comparison to other citizens, and to recognise sacrifices made. This action plan has been developed based on the military transition themes identified in the Veterans Transition Review 2014.

Theme	Task	Lead	Key Partners	Timescales	Outcome
Education and Training	Explore further training provision opportunities amongst front line staff to support the potential needs of veterans and service families	CYC – Communities and Equalities Team – Claire Taylor	Workforce Development Unit York St John University Sarah Gilbody	Jan 2017	To raise awareness to enable timely support for veterans and service families
	Promote the use of Pupil Premium for children from military families alongside promotion of the Troops to Teachers scheme	CYC – Jon Stonehouse, Director of Children's Services	CYC	Ongoing	

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Housing	Implement the Adaptations policy	CYC Housing – Ruth Abbott	CYC	Ongoing	To ensure housing meets the needs of service leavers and veterans
	Implement the North Yorkshire Home Choice allocations policy	CYC Housing – Yvonne Burns	Regional partnership	Ongoing	Veterans and service leavers better informed about housing options
Employment	Seek to influence future policies to better support veterans and service families in the workforce	Armed Forces Forum	CYC and key partners	September 2016	More veterans and service families able to access employment
	Employability support, including relevant job fairs, 1-2-1 job coaching, CV writing, interview prep and online applications.	CYC York Learning – Alistair Gourlay	Armed Forces Forum	Ongoing	To support veterans and military spouses into employment
Welfare	Collection and interpretation of data surrounding veterans and service families.	CYC Business Intelligence Hub – Ian Cunningham	Armed Forces Forum	September 2016	To have a better understanding of the needs of veterans and service families to help inform service and project development
	Promotion and signposting to Veterans UK	Armed Forces Forum	All	Ongoing	Support and advice for veterans

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<p>Health</p>	<p>Ensure that local intelligence about veterans and service families is up to date, identifies needs and is accessible within the joint strategic needs assessment</p>	<p>CYC Business Intelligence Hub – Ian Cunningham</p>	<p>Armed Forces Forum</p>	<p>September 2016</p>	<p>To have a better understanding of the needs of veterans and service families to help inform service and project development</p>
	<p>Promote and support the NHS Veterans Mental Health Team – gain feedback in relation to recent consultation on the provision of veteran support services. Invite CCG/NHS representative to the Armed Forces Forum</p>	<p>NHS- Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust CYC – Communities and Equalities Team – Claire Taylor</p>	<p>Armed Forces Forum</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Improve mental health for veterans. To have a better understanding of the needs of veterans and service families to help inform service and project development</p>

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	Create an understanding of community health needs of veteran and service families, and support the development of a collaborative and joined up peer support network	CYC Public Health – Nick Sinclair	Armed Forces Forum Healthwatch	Dec	To have a better understanding of the health needs of veterans and service families to help inform service and project development Communities' needs are understood to improve community integrations. Better support for veterans in difficult circumstances
Communication, Celebration and Commemoration	Re-develop the CYC web pages on the Community Covenant with links to other key information and websites	CYC – Communities and Equalities Team – Claire Taylor	Armed Forces Forum	July 2016	Veterans and services families can access clear and up to date information
	Confirm the CYC Member Champion/ Portfolio Holder for the Community Covenant and the Senior Officer contact	CYC – Cllr Keith Aspden and Communities and Equalities Team – Claire	CYC	June 2016	To ensure there is a strategic lead for this agenda

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	Re-sign the Community Covenant at an event surrounding Armed Forces Day	CYC – Cllr Keith Aspden	Armed Forces Forum	June 2016	To confirm York's commitment to the Community Covenant work
	To establish a series of scheduled meetings for the Armed Forces Forum	CYC – Communities and Equalities Team – Claire Taylor	Armed Forces Forum	Quarterly	Regular sharing and planning of projects to further the work of the Covenant
	Approach local businesses to explore sponsorship opportunities to give support to the work of the Covenant - from armed forces day to local roundabouts	CYC – Communities and Equalities Team – Claire Taylor	CYC	July 2016	

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