

Meeting	Decision Session - Economic Development and Community Engagement (Deputy Leader)
Date	16 June 2016
Present	Councillor Aspden

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### **1. Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

### **2. Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

### **3. Refresh of the York Community Covenant**

The Executive Member considered a report which provided an update in relation to the Council's work with York's local armed forces.

It was proposed that York would 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 and a senior lead officer to act as Armed Forces champions who would be responsible for overseeing the council's commitment to the Covenant work.
- Recognising and signing off a Community Covenant Action Plan for York which had been developed and endorsed in conjunction with the York Community Covenant Task Group.

The report also gave details of a proposal for the Community Covenant Task Group to be constituted as the York Armed Forces Covenant Forum.

The Executive Member noted that, since the agenda had been published, the York Community Covenant Task Group had suggested some minor amendments to the draft action plan and these had been incorporated into the plan. The Executive Member stated that he supported the amendments that had been made to the draft plan. *[Following the meeting the updated Action Plan, incorporating the suggestions put forward by the Task Group, was included with the online agenda papers as Annex 2].*

- Resolved:
- (i) That the re-signing of the York Community Covenant be agreed as part of events surrounding Armed Forces Day.
  - (ii) That the Executive Member for Economic Development and Community Engagement, and the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture and Public Realm) be the Council's Executive Member and lead officer responsible for, and will oversee, the Council's commitment to the covenant work.
  - (iii) That York's Community Covenant Action Plan [Annex 2 of the report] be approved and would be managed by a new York Armed Forces Covenant Forum.

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

Councillor Aspden, Executive Member  
[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.05 pm].