

# NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

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## ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT



Between  
North Lincolnshire Council,  
representatives of the civilian community of North Lincolnshire  
and  
the Armed Forces Community in North Lincolnshire



# SECTION 1

## Participants

### 1.1.

This Armed Forces Community Covenant is between:

The Armed Forces Community as defined as regular personnel, Reservists, veterans, their families, the bereaved and carers of service personnel and veterans

And

North Lincolnshire Council

And

Other representatives of the civilian community



# SECTION 2

## Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

### 2.1

The North Lincolnshire Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between the civilian community and the local Armed Forces community.

### 2.2

The Armed Forces Community is defined as regular personnel, Reservists, veterans, their families, the bereaved and carers of service personnel and veterans.

### 2.3

It complements the national Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces – to make a commitment to those who proudly protect our nation.

### 2.4

It is a pledge that together, we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives.

### 2.5

In North Lincolnshire, we will encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in North Lincolnshire and recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces community, particularly those who have given the most.



# SECTION 3

North Lincolnshire Council and its partners pledge to

3.1

**Recognise** the contribution our Armed Forces community make to North Lincolnshire, and our nation.

3.2

**Remember** those that have served our country, honouring them with respect and dignity.

3.3

**Integrate** the local Armed Forces community in North Lincolnshire so there is equal access to:

*Education and family wellbeing*

*Having a home*

*Starting a new career*

*Healthcare*

*Financial assistance and advice*

3.4

**Support** our Armed Forces Community so they do not face disadvantage for serving or having served their country, ensuring they have the same access to services as any other citizen. This includes in-service and ex-service personnel, their families and widow(er)s living in North Lincolnshire.



# 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.

