



Community Covenant

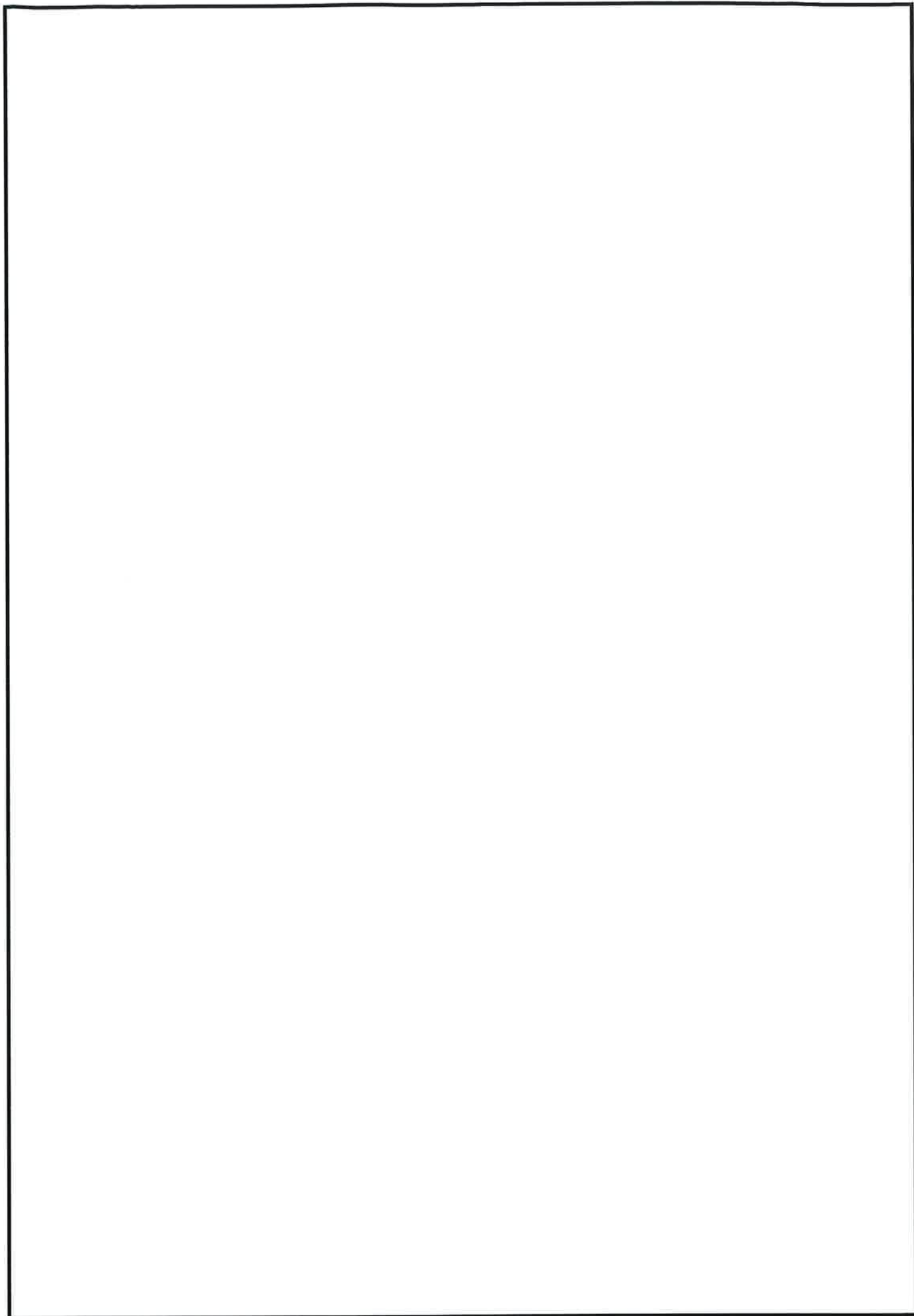
AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

Between

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, representatives
of the Public, Business, Charitable and Voluntary Sectors, and the
Civilian Community of the Borough of Reigate & Banstead

and

The Armed Forces Community, Past & Present
in the Borough of Reigate & Banstead



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.

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

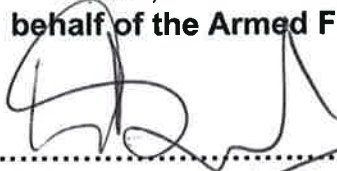
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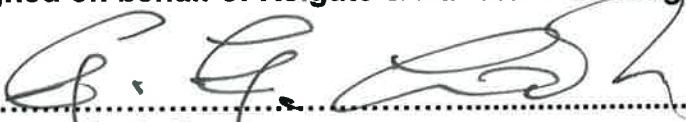
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Cllr Dr Lynne Hack, Mayor of The Borough of Reigate & Banstead
Signed on behalf of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council



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Lt. Col. Paul Johnson, Commanding Officer, 103 Battalion REME
Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces



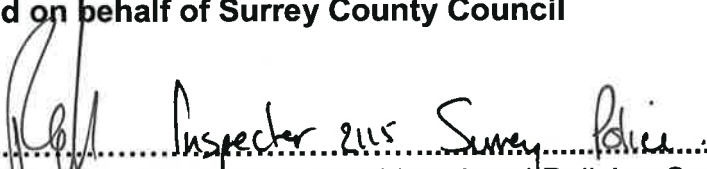
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Councillor V. Broad, Deputy Leader
Signed on behalf of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council



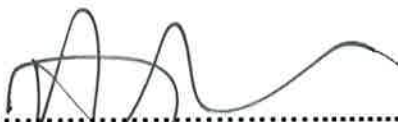
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Graham Cook, Deputy Chief Executive
Signed on behalf of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council



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Cllr Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, Chair, Reigate & Banstead Local Committee
Signed on behalf of Surrey County Council



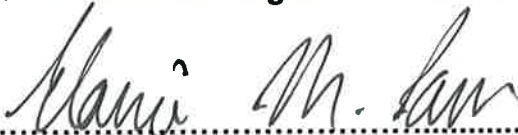
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Inspector Richard Haycock, Neighbourhood Policing Commander for Reigate & Banstead
Signed on behalf of Surrey Police



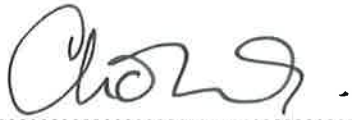
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Nigel Newman, Director of Operations
Signed on behalf of Raven Housing Trust



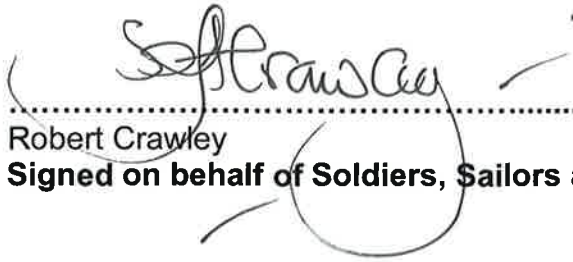
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Ian Burks, Chief Executive.
Signed on behalf of Reigate & Redhill YMCA



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Elaine Parr, District Manager.
Signed on behalf of Reigate & District Citizens Advice Bureau

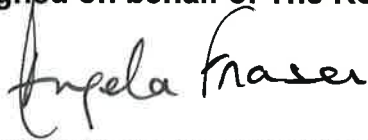


Christine Long, Director of Communications
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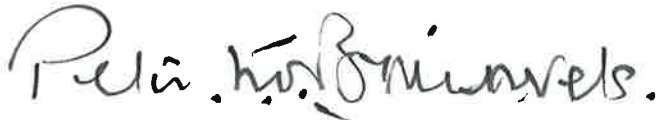


Robert Crawley
Signed on behalf of Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association

Mrs Angela Fraser, DL
Signed on behalf of The Royal British Legion



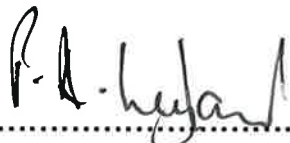
Peter Bruinvels
Signed on behalf of ABF – The Soldiers Charity



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Mrs Patricia Leyland
Age Concern, Merstham, Redhill & Reigate

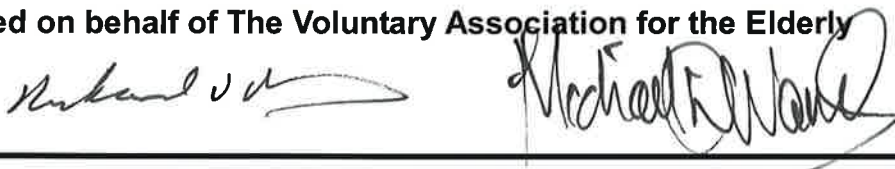


Cllr Richard Olliver, Chairman & Town Mayor - Horley
Signed on behalf of Horley Town Council



Councillor David Brown, Chairman
Signed on behalf of Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council

Michael Ward
Signed on behalf of The Voluntary Association for the Elderly



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 The Borough of Reigate & Banstead

And

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

And

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

And

Other members of the civilian community

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 the Borough of Reigate & Banstead 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 The Borough of Reigate and Banstead.

2.3 For Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and partner organisations, 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 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, the public, business, charitable and voluntary sectors and the Armed Forces charities will work with the Armed Forces Community to achieve the aims of this community covenant and ensure that the Borough of Reigate & Banstead remains an inclusive and welcoming home for military personnel and civilians alike.

4.2 Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, the public, business, charitable and voluntary sectors and the Armed Forces charities will work with the Armed Forces Community to support projects meeting the aims of the this community covenant.

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