

COUNCIL AGM - NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

Council

1. Recognises the close ties between Bath and North East Somerset's communities and serving and former members of the armed forces and their families
2. Notes that 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 at local level the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces
3. Resolves to adopt the Community Covenant Pledge, comprising the following principles, objectives and intentions
 - a) Encouraging support for the Armed Forces Community working in, living in and visiting Bath and North East Somerset
 - b) Recognising and remembering 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 Bath & North East Somerset
 - c) Taking opportunities to bring Council, partner and community knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community, including building on existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.
 - d) Encouraging the integration of Service life into civilian life and encouraging members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.
 - e) Complementing 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
 - f) Encouraging 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 working together in partnership at local level.
 - g) Encouraging the Armed Forces community to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.
4. Resolves that Bath and North East Somerset's Community Covenant Pledge includes a commitment to working with the armed services community on specific measures which meet and deliver real benefits for former and serving armed forces members and their families, and requests officers to work with the Armed Forces Community to establish a Community Covenant Action Plan
5. Request the Chairman of Council to sign the Pledge on behalf of the Council along with representatives of the Armed Services community and partners

6. Invite the Public Services Board to consider how public services can work together to address issues raised through the Covenant
7. Publicise the Community Covenant in the local community and with parish and town councils
8. Request that Cabinet receive reports on progress on implementing the Community Covenant