



Liskeard Town Council

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Signed on behalf of:

Liskeard Town Council

Signed:

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Name: Simon Cassidy

Position: Mayor

Date: 23rd June 2023

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Stephen Vinson

Town Clerk



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Signed on behalf of:

Serving Forces Personnel and Reserve Forces

Signed: 

Name: Major Tom Roden

Position: OC D Coy

Date: 23rd June 2023

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Signed on behalf of:

Organisations Supporting former Services Personnel

Signed: 

Name: Chrissie Haynes

Position: President, Liskeard Branch Royal British Legion

Date: 23rd June 2023

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Signed on behalf of:

Cadet Forces

Signed: 

Name: Missy Kerr

Position: Detachment Commander, Liskeard Army Cadets

Date: 23rd June 2023

The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
His 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.

Section 1: Principles of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We, Liskeard Town Council, will endeavour to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant:

- Members of the Armed Forces Community should not face disadvantages arising from their service in the provision of public and commercial services.
- In some circumstances special provision may be justified, especially for those who have given the most, such as the injured or bereaved.

- no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen
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Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the contribution that Service personnel, reservists, veterans, the cadet movement and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant by:

- Employment support to members of the Armed Forces Community:
- Communications, engagement and outreach: including through the “Freedom of the Town” link with the Liskeard branch of the Royal British Legion and the organisation of the Parades.
- Commercial: including tenancy of any of the Town Council shops and office units at the Guildhall.
- Health: including through the provision of allotments.
- Civic responsibilities: Including through encouraging former Service personnel to stand for election or co-option to the role of Councillor and when appropriate the role of Town Crier or Sergeant of Mace.

- **Promoting the Armed Forces:**

Promoting the Armed Forces: including through the “Freedom of the Town” link with the Rifles.

Promoting our work, activities and events through our own digital and social media channels as well as working with the press

Publishing our Covenant pledges on a dedicated Covenant section/page on our website

Promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces friendly organisation, to our staff, contractors, customers, suppliers and wider public

- **Veterans:**

Working with and advertising vacancies through Career Transition Partnership (CTP), as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces community, to ensure employment opportunities are made available to veterans.

Welcoming Applications from and guaranteeing interviews with, veterans who meet the criteria in the job specification

Recognising military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process

- **Service Spouses & Partners:**

Supporting the employment of Service spouses and partners by welcoming applications from spouses/partners who meet the criteria in the job specifications

Partnering with and advertising vacancies on Forces Families Jobs and Recruit for Spouses, as well as advertising widely within the Armed Forces community

Endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for services spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment

- **Reserves:**

Supporting our employees who are already members of the Reserve Force

Staff are actively encouraged to become Reservists

Granting additional paid/unpaid leave for annual Reserve Forces training

Supporting any mobilisations and deployment

- **Cadet Organisations:**

Supporting our employees who are volunteer leaders in military cadet organisations

Granting additional leave to attend annual training camps and courses

Actively encouraging members of staff to become volunteer leaders in cadet organisations

Supporting local military cadet units

Recognising the benefits of employing cadets/ex-cadets within the workforce

- **National Events:**

Supporting Armed Forces Day, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal Day and Remembrance activities

- **Armed Forces Charities:**

Supporting Armed Forces charities with fundraising and supporting staff who volunteer to assist

- **Commercial Support:**

Offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces community and advertising this through the Defence Discount Services

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Armed Forces Community and our customers on how we are doing.