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- 27th June 2013 – Manchester Covenant signed, in partnership with local Military & Veterans Organisations
- The Covenant sets out the obligation on the whole of society to support those who serve in the armed forces and their families; to recognise their sacrifices and the freedoms they surrender, and to ensure that they should face no disadvantage as a result of their military service
- Sets out 6 pledges - a challenging agenda in challenging times





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- Progress to date has been driven by a Council-led Covenant Steering Group reporting to the Chief Executives Senior Management Team on an annual basis
- Cllr Tommy Judge – Lead member for the Armed Forces
- Hazel Summers – SMT Covenant Champion
- Three Covenant operation Leads – Housing, Employment & Social Care
- Our forward approach follows LGA Covenant Governance guidance.....





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Core infrastructure to deliver the Armed Forces Covenant

Individuals

- An elected member Champion
- An officer point of contact within the council

Collaboration

- An outward-facing forum
- A mechanism for collaboration with partners

Communication

- A web page with key information and links
- A clear public statement of expectations
- A route through which concerns can be raised
- Training of frontline staff
- The production of an annual report highlighting the key actions taken that year

Vision and commitment

- An action plan that leads to action and is monitored and reviewed
- Policy reviews
- Enthusiasm and commitment



**ARMED FORCES
COVENANT FORUM
LAUNCH EVENT
19 JUNE 2017**





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The Covenant Forum marks a shift to an “Our Manchester” approach, it will:

- Meet on a six monthly basis around a key theme
- Inform and shape our forward action plans.
- Encourage collaboration and coordination across organisations
- Build the strong working networks and relationships
- Monitor the performance of the Covenant Steering Group
- Enable us to make to make a real difference in people’s lives





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Core Covenant Infrastructure in place

- Covenant web page setting out expectations and key contacts
- Commitment to “ask the question” across service areas
- Services progressively reviewed to support transitions eliminate disadvantage – housing, school registration, social care, employment, voting, leisure access
- Help and Support Manchester – Veterans Toolkit in place

<https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/directory.page?directorychannel=4-10>

- Strong focus on G M cooperation to raise awareness across public and business organisations and train staff





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Central focus on key determinants of health:

- Housing – strong links with Housing Providers – Canada Street and Stody House, building on “comradeship” support
- Employment and Skills - strong links with DWP & employment / training sector
- Health:
 - JSNA in development on a Manchester and Greater Manchester basis
 - Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) commissioned and provided in line with Covenant
 - Opportunity to strengthen joint approach through Manchester Health & Care Commissioning





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Remembrance and respect at the heart of our Civic Quarter

