

ARMED FORCES COVENANT REVIEW

Select Committee Review



Naval Families Federation response:

Questions posed:

- What you think the Community Covenant is
- What you think has gone well with the Community Covenant over the past 10 years
- What you think could have been done better
- What you would like to see happen in the future (whether continuation of work, specific improvements or new activities)
- If you would also be happy to come and talk to the Select Committee when they meet to discuss this further

Q1. My understanding is that the Community Covenant is the way the Armed Forces Covenant is implemented at a local level.

Q2. I have only been involved for the last 12 months but on having a conversation with my predecessor we both agree the focus groups are a great way for specialists to work in specific areas and then the ideas and questions are posed at the bigger overall AFC meeting.

Q3. It would be good to have a website that can inform about the AFC and how it is supported in the local area.(I understand this is being done).

Q4. I like the way that the focus groups run and the CYP one that our organisation attends is reviewing how it is run etc. I think it would be good to see more of a representation about current serving personnel and families. There are also several serving families in the area, who have chosen to settle here, where the service person is based somewhere else as well. Equally I accept that you potentially need more representation from the serving military (although I'm not sure what happens in the military sub group regarding attendance).

Q5. Sian Timms. Naval Families Federation. I am a member of the CYP Cluster.