

ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Revised priorities following Chair and theme lead strategic meeting

28 January 2022

**1. Plymouth Armed Forces Covenant - Priorities for 2022-2024**

Armed Forces Covenant Priorities 2022-2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove disadvantage from the Armed Forces Community • Raise awareness through engagement, celebration and commemoration • Increase businesses community engagement with the Armed Forces Covenant • Improve Healthcare provision to the Armed Forces Community • Support Service Children's Education across the Armed Forces Community • Help tackle Housing issues faced by the Armed Forces Community • Better connect the Armed Forces Community with new opportunities for skills, training, education, careers and jobs

2. Priorities for 2022-24 – Theme Group Actions

Theme Group Priorities for 2022-24 – Actions			
Serving Personnel Group (QEWG)	Veterans Group	Children Young People and Families Group	Business Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness through engagement, celebration and commemoration • Engage business community to support the recruitment of reservists. • Ensure the reputation of the Armed Forces in Plymouth is maintained • Promote Plymouth businesses signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant • Keep service personnel and facilities in Plymouth • Maximise the promotion of Military Tuesday and services delivered by Skills Launchpad Plymouth for serving personnel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to ensure safe, high-quality care for serving personnel and their families is commissioned appropriately • Identifying and supporting Armed Forces veterans and making services work better by addressing inequalities • Create a hub where Plymouth is recognised as a centre of excellence for Veteran support • Ensure local veterans get the care and support they need by developing a 'veterans village' • Help tackle Healthcare and mental health issues faced by the Armed Forces Community • Help tackle Housing issues faced by the Armed Forces Community • Maximise the promotion of Military Tuesday and services delivered by Skills Launchpad Plymouth for veterans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting families, carers, children, and young people in the Armed Forces community • Support Children's Education across the Armed Forces Community • Changing Perceptions - Educating providers at local level to broaden understanding of the service context • Ensure the "families strategy" core workstreams: family life; service life; family home and children's education, is embedded in Plymouth • Maximise the promotion of Military Tuesday and services delivered by Skills Launchpad Plymouth including the dedicated Youth Hub supporting those 16-24 years old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase businesses community engagement with the Armed Forces Covenant • Increase the number of businesses signed up to the AFC Employee Recognition award • Work with businesses and partners to secure employment for vets and those about to leave service (Skills Launchpad Plymouth) • Helping the transition from the Armed Forces to civilian life. • Align efforts with the Skills 4 Plymouth strategic plan ensuring that the Armed Forces Community have better access to the right skills to enter into and progress in work • Champion the Regional Employer Engagement Group (REEG) for Plymouth
Lt Col Rob Williams (165) (Lead) The British Army Royal Navy Royal Air Force Royal British Legion VAPC Cornwall Council Wessex Reserve Forces' & Cadets' Association St Luke's Defence Transition Service Plymouth City Council	Kate Hughes (RNRMC) (Lead) Improving Lives Plymouth NHS Battling On RFEA DWP Livewell British Legion Plymouth City Council	Michael House (PCC) (Lead) Young carers and Young families lead hub Improving Lives Plymouth Naval Families Federation Aggies Royal British Legion Royal Navy University of St Mark and St John RNRMC University Hospital's Plymouth NHS Trust) Plymouth City Council	Natasha Mason (Wolverstans Solicitors) (Lead) Wessex Reserve Forces' & Cadets' Association Gold Alumni Defence Employer Recognition organisations (5) Plymouth City Council

Task and Finish Groups for 2022-24**Offering and keeping Employment and Skills in the city**

Emma Hewitt, Plymouth City Council (Skills Launchpad) (Lead)

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