



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Cabinet Report

Report of: Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Resources

Date: 12 December 2012

Subject: Community Covenant Annual Report and Action Plan

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Summary:

The purpose of the report is to fulfil the commitment to produce an annual report on progress following the establishment of the local Community Covenant in November 2011 and to set out the key actions and priorities for the year ahead.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The Community Covenant ensures that services:

- recognise the contribution made by the Armed Forces Community;
- remember the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces Community;
- share knowledge, experience and expertise to provide help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community;
- encourage the integration from Service life into civilian life.

The annual report provides information on the progress of these aims and sets out actions to ensure that we continue to meet these.

Recommendation:

Cabinet is asked to:

1. Note the progress made on the Community Covenant in Sheffield in the last year; and
2. Approve the actions set out in the attached report.

Background Papers: **Community Covenant Cabinet Report
9 November 2011**

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO
Legal Implications
NO
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
City Wide
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Councillor Dore, Leader of the City Council
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Overview & Management Scrutiny Committee
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
YES

SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY COVENANT

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 At full Council on 2nd March 2011, a motion was passed to create a 'Sheffield Community Covenant' in order to ensure that local services such as housing, education and social care are appropriate to support the needs of local armed forces community. The Community Covenant was approved at Cabinet on 7 November 2011 and formally signed on 9 November 2011.
- 1.2 A report has been produced (attached) which fulfils the commitment to produce an annual report on progress and sets out the key actions and priorities for the year ahead.
- 1.3 All of the actions in the report have been suggested by and agreed with the relevant portfolios and services.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SHEFFIELD PEOPLE

- 2.1 The Community Covenant has been established for 1 year in Sheffield and this provides local people with the opportunity to support the local armed forces.
- 2.2 Access to the Community Covenant Grant provides people with an opportunity to set up projects and activities that support the aims of the covenant.
- 2.3 This reports provides people in Sheffield with information about how organisations have worked together to support the local armed forces and meet the following aims:
 - encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces Community in their area;
 - nurture understanding and awareness amongst the public of issues affecting the Armed Forces Community;
 - recognise the contribution made by the Armed Forces Community;
 - remember the sacrifices faced by the Armed Forces Community;
 - encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces Community into local life;
 - encourage the Armed Forces Community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects, or other forms of engagement.

3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The report includes the annual report of actions undertaken so far and an action plan setting out key priorities. The report includes sections on:
 - The national context
 - The local context

- Establishing the Community Covenant Partnership
- Provision of information
- Heroes Welcome scheme
- Proposed Action Plan

3.2 The report is in the first version of production and will be updated and amended with final sign off by Councillor Julie Dore.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None at present but, as the actions are progressed there may be legal implications to consider.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None at present but, if approved, there may be financial implications to consider as further developments take place with regard to this work.

6.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached. Additional equality impact assessments will be undertaken as further developments take place with regard to specific proposals.

7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Community Covenant ensures that services:

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8.0 RECOMMENDATION

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