



Broxtowe
Borough
COUNCIL

ARMED FORCES COVENANT ACTION PLAN

1 JUNE 2021 TO 31 MAY 2023

THEME	ACTION / DESCRIPTION	LEAD / PARTNERS	COMPLETION DATES	UPDATE
Broxtowe Borough Council representation on the Civil Military Partnership Board (CMPB)	Marice Hawley	Communities Officer BBC	On-going	Date of meetings 04/06/21
Publicity Promotion and Communication	Promote and publicise a minimum of 3 Armed Forces events/project/initiatives to the general public, staff and partners	Communities Officer Comms Team BBC		Flag Raising to mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion 15/05/21 Flag Raising for Armed Forces Day 21/06/21 Remembrance Day 11/11/21
	Develop and maintain an Armed Forces web page on the BBC website including all appropriate links and promotion of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund	Communities Officer Comms team BBC	On-going	Website updated and current 03/06/21
Promote all services and initiatives as part of the council's Live Well Together campaign	Live Well Together includes all aspects of physical and mental health, financial health and Domestic Abuse	Comms Team BBC	On-going	Date to TBC
	Identify and promote BBC's armed forces champion	Communities Officer Democratic Services BBC		Cllr Milan Radulovic MBE. Leader of the Council
	Maintain a data base of contacts for a virtual Armed Forces Covenant steering group and circulate appropriate literature to the data base	Communities Officer BBC	On-going	Database maintained and current

	Maintain close links with local Armed Forces charity Forces in the Community	Communities Officer BBC	On-going	We are engaged with Forces in the Community and they are linked in to all our partnership groups
Veterans Together Network	Promotion of the Veterans Together Network to partners and the wider community	Communities Officer BBC NCC initiative	On-going	Currently 1 group in Broxtowe held in Beeston
Employee Recognition Scheme /Employment	Promote the Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS).	Communities Officer Aaron Gidney BBC		BBC gained Bronze award 26/11/18 Plans in place for HR to apply for the Silver award at the next application round once it is announced
Armed Forces and Reservists recruitment	Investigate further council policies on Armed Forces and Reservists recruitment in relation to the application process and the guaranteed interview scheme	Aaron Gidney Communities Officer BBC		BBC HR reviewing and updating policies with regard to Armed Forces recruitment
Employee Development	Produce a briefing note to be circulated to all staff and elected members about the Armed Forces Covenant and signpost to e-learning	Communities Officer BBC		Briefing note circulated to Members Matters/SMT/BEN Will be repeated October 2022
Promotion to the wider community	Produce an article about the Armed Forces Covenant	Communities Officer Comms Team BBC		Article to be placed in Broxtowe Matters (publication that is distributed to over 47,000 households and businesses) 2022
Funding Support for Local Authorities	Investigate and make application to the MOD Community Covenant for a one-off grant of 25k to support work with Armed Forces families past and present	Head of Service for Housing CEO		Application to be made to the Covenant Fund by Rachael Shaw 2021

BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PAST AND PRESENT

SERVICE	DETAILS
All members of the armed forces past and present can access all universal services as and when appropriate	
SOCIAL HOUSING	<p>The following Armed Forces Personnel with housing needs qualify to register with Homesearch and in accordance with the Armed Forces Covenant those who fall into a reasonable preference category will be awarded an additional 6 months waiting time on the scheme which will afford them an additional level of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former members of the Armed Forces • Serving members of the Armed Forces who need to move because of a serious injury, medical condition or disability sustained as a result of their service • Bereaved spouses and civil partners of members of the Armed Forces leaving Services Family Accommodation following the death of their spouse or partner • Serving or former members of the Reserve Forces who need to move because of a serious injury, medical condition or disability sustained as a result of their service • Removal of the local connection criteria specifically if they have been discharged within the last 5 years or if they need to move due to serious injury or disability or medical condition sustained as a result of their service.
SOCIAL HOUSING	Broxtowe Borough Council has 5 dedicated flats at Oakfield Road, Stapleford for veterans under construction (due December 2021)
WELFARE FUNERALS FOR EX-SERVICE VETERANS	As a mark of respect and gratitude for ex-service men with no known family the borough council will bear the cost of an officiant at welfare funerals for ex-service veterans from Broxtowe or Erewash
ELECTORAL SERVICES	Electoral Services visits Chetwynd Barracks to give presentations and advice on voter registration (How to register/Why register/Where to register etc)
VOLUNTARY SECTOR PROVISION	
CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)	<p>Citizen's Advice Broxtowe (CAB) provides services to the armed forces and veterans including : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Advice Service (benefits, housing, employment and debt

	<p>advice).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership working with SSAFA and The Royal British Legion <p>For further information please contact CAB</p>
<p>FORCES IN THE COMMUNITY</p>	<p>Forces in the Community provides support to service personnel and their families and veterans including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment guidance • housing advice • mental health support • Drop-in centre open 5 days per week <p>For further information please contact Forces in the Community</p>