

CABINET STATEMENT

TITLE: ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

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I am pleased to inform Members that Rhondda Cynon Taf Council has become one of only several local authorities in Wales to establish an Armed Forces Community Covenant.

The Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between the civilian community of Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Armed Forces Community based in the County Borough. It represents the strong relationship and respect between armed forces personnel and the Council, its partner agencies and the communities it represents, and sets out the services and interventions available.

As important as the signed document itself are the actions which underpin it. i.e. the practical measures of support and intervention offered to armed services personnel and their families. The Council has produced a "Guide to Services for our Armed Forces and their families" which features the range of services of relevance and benefit to the Armed Forces Community. Both this Guide and the Covenant document itself are available on the Council's website.

Rhondda Cynon Taf has a proud record of valuing its armed services, both past and present, and this Community Covenant is in keeping with such an approach and significantly takes forward the Council's, and the County Borough's, objectives to support our Armed Forces Community.