

# The Armed Forces Covenant: Improving the Delivery of Local Covenant Pledges

Venue: Central Birmingham | Date: Tuesday 27 August 2019

**11.00 Chair's Introduction**

**11.05 Keynote address: key areas of covenant delivery**

*Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader, Wiltshire Council*

- Awareness and expectation: educating communities about their obligation and establishing what the Covenant can and cannot deliver
- Appointing an elected member champion or officer point of contact within the council
- Developing a new framework of assessment to document local authority covenant implementation

**Best practice in the key areas of delivery**

**11.45 Housing**

- Social housing allocations: improving access to social housing for members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families by addressing housing needs
- Managing expectations and improving communications between bases and councils for a smooth resettlement into the community

**12.30 Employment**

- Supporting service leavers into a new career: promoting the benefits of supporting Defence and the Armed Forces employees to businesses
- Encouraging employers to work with Government backed employment programmes

**13.15 Networking Lunch**

**14.00 Health and Social Care**

- Supporting councils to incorporate the needs of serving families and Veterans into their health and care policies
- Working with communities and the NHS to prevent service personnel falling to the bottom of health waiting lists

**14.45 Schooling**

- Managing school admissions: how can councils be more aware of possible future admissions so that schools can make sufficient preparation
- Reducing the disadvantage that service children may face due to their lifestyle

**15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close**

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