

South Yorkshire Armed Forces Community Covenant Group



Terms of Reference

Membership

Role	Organisation
Lead Member	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lead Officer	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lead Member	Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Lead Officer	Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Lead Member	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
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Lead Member	Sheffield City Council
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Additional Members will be co-opted on the group as and when agreed.

Aims of the Community Covenant

Local authorities and the armed forces community are encouraged to work together to establish compliance with the Military Covenant and their Community Covenant in order to:

- not be at a disadvantage when they try to access public services such as housing, health care, employment, education and welfare
- be given special consideration where appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the injured and the bereaved
- encourage local communities to support their armed forces community and nurture greater public understanding and awareness of issues affecting the armed forces community
- recognise and remember the sacrifices faced by the armed forces community
- encourage activities that support integration of the armed forces community into local life
- encourage the armed forces community to engage with and support the wider, inclusive community projects

Role of the Board

- To form a South Yorkshire group of Lead Members supported by Lead Officer to share learning and developments on the delivery of our local Community Covenants.
- To work collaboratively in removing current disadvantage experienced by Veterans and their families.
- To work collaboratively on joint regional, veteran support projects, ensuring efficacy.
- To provide a strong regional voice for the military community in South Yorkshire.
- To share good practice across the region and wider.

Meetings

1. The group meet quarterly and the location rotates between Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.
2. The meeting will usually last no longer than 2 hours.
3. The agenda will be agreed in advance and the first draft of the minutes will usually be available within 5 working days of the meeting.
4. The Lead Officer will arrange the meeting at their location, including the provision of room booking, agenda, minute taking and invitation of any guests.

Reporting Mechanisms

Each stakeholder representative will report the discussions/decisions of the Board into their respective organisations' relevant reporting mechanisms and projects.

Review of the Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.