

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	6.
Date:	2 nd April 2012	Category	
Subject:	Royal British Legion – Armed Forces Community Covenant	Status	Open
Report by:	Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager		
Other Officers involved:	Chief Executive Officer		
Director	N/A		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor E. Watts, Leader Councillor A. Tomlinson, Deputy Leader		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities
SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning

TARGETS

It is difficult to specify individual targets within the Council's Corporate Plan, however, the impact of the Council's support for a Community Covenant will undoubtedly affect issues such as Council House tenants, Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Access to jobs/employment where Armed Forces personnel are affected.

VALUE FOR MONEY

The opportunity to have access to a funding source up to the value of £250,000 that can benefit local communities where armed forces personnel (including ex-servicemen) are in the area, together with the recognition and value the Authority will demonstrate by establishing such a Partnership with the Royal British Legion by signing up to the Covenant.

THE REPORT

The Authority has been approached alongside others to consider forging a Partnership to work together and to formally pledge support to the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

Colleagues from the Royal British Legion are present and will briefly explain the aim of the Community Covenant which incurs no cost to the Council and provides the opportunity to access £30 million Central Government grant funding to develop better understanding of the Armed Forces.

Members are requested to consider endorsing the Armed Forces Community Covenant with the Royal British Legion and the opportunity of accessing amounts to the value of between £100 - £250,000 for our local communities.

Neighbouring authorities have also been approached and further discussions around possible joint administration options with North East Derbyshire District Council and Chesterfield Borough Council will be pursued.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Whether Members should agree to support the Armed Forces Community Covenant for the Bolsover District Council area.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : None

Legal : None

Human Resources : None

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The report be received.**
- 2. Members agree to support the Armed Forces Community Covenant for the Bolsover District Council area.**
- 3. Members agree for the Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager to pursue options with neighbouring Authorities in respect of the Pledge and the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme on behalf of the Authority.**

ATTACHMENT: N

FILE REFERENCE:

SOURCE DOCUMENT: