

DRAFT SCMPB Executive Priorities for 2017/18

This document needs to be read alongside the Action Plans for the Recognise and Remember Task Group and Community Integration Task Group



1. Advocacy and engagement

- i. Promote Surrey Case Studies nationally through the MoD
- ii. Continue to lead on cross border working and action the SE Bid if successful
- iii. Promotion of forecast of events to be publicised via AFCs/TFCs and the military diary
- iv. Update Armed Forces website and continue to promote activities via social media
- v. Plan and deliver annual Armed Forces Covenant Conference

2. Armed Forces Champions (AFCs)

- i. Provide on-going support and advice to AFCs, Covenant Officers and Task Force Commanders on a local basis which will help ensure raised awareness of the roles of each organisation and joint working.
- ii. Facilitate six monthly meetings of AFCs and Covenant Officers with Task Force Commanders
- iii. Ensure AFCs, TFCs and SCMPB Members keep each other updated with regard to upcoming moves and changes in key personnel to enable effective succession planning.

3. SCC Staff awareness

- i. Reframe Surrey's Armed Forces Covenant – ensure Surrey CC policies do not disadvantage Military community (via implications in committee reports)
- ii. Training sessions for front line staff (through SE Covenant bid)
- iii. Facilitate SCC Service Managers meetings as appropriate to take forward Covenant internally
- iv. Promote links between HR and Career Transition Partnership to encourage more service leavers to work for local authorities

4. Reservists

- i. Promote Armed Forces Covenant for businesses within Surrey working closely with DRM and SE RFCA
- ii. Develop audit mechanism ensuring continuous improvement in relation to Gold Employer Recognition Award
- iii. Establish Peer support network for Surrey Reservists
- iv. Support Reserves Day on 21 June 2017
- v. Supporting and encouraging Business Breakfast Briefing to promote benefits of Reservists

5. Veterans

- i. Awareness of Adult Social Care staff and relevant staff within the district and borough councils (including day centres, Housing Associations and lunch clubs) of the support available from Service Charities
- ii. Develop effective referral mechanisms between agencies to best address veteran needs building on the SE Funding bid.
- iii. Look at ways of identifying veterans within Surrey, eg through voter registration, asking at contact centres 'Did you serve?' etc.

6. Youth/Children:

- i. Youth – continue to explore links between 11 Brigade and SCC Services for Young People with a view to Surrey NEET young people taking part in the Armed Forces Employability Pathways Programme
- ii. Raise awareness of Covenant with SCC Children's Management Team
- iii. Promote adult volunteering opportunities for Cadet Units
- iv. Promote CCF and Cadet movement within Surrey Schools under the Cadet Expansion Scheme
- v. Promote links between SERFCA, 11 Brigade and the UTC in Guildford with a view to developing a CCF

7. Covenant Funding

- i. Maximising Covenant grants brought into Surrey
- ii. Continue Surrey CC representation on the Regional Funding Panel