

Title of Paper: The Armed Forces Covenant and the Centenary of the World War 1 Armistice Day

Date: 9th November 2018

1. Purpose

This paper draws to the Board's attention the resigning of the Armed Forces Covenant, which gives responsibilities to a number of public sector partners, encourages business engagement and provides a focus for engagement with the military community voluntary sector.

2. Recommendations

The Board are asked to note this paper and to encourage partners to attend events commemorating the centenary of the armistice.

3. The Covenant

Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and NCVS have been signatories to the Armed Forces Covenant since 2014. In the light of the Centenary, the Ministry of Defence has requested that this commitment is renewed and is extended. By the date of the Board meeting, this renewal will have taken place at Southwell Minster. David Tilly and Nigel Cooke (the ON representatives), the Sheriff of Nottingham, and Candida Brudenell, (Nottingham City Council) will have attended the resigning. The Covenant is due to be signed by the Lord Mayor and other mayors from the districts, and the Chairman of the County Council.

4. Centenary Events

In addition to the Covenant Signing, a series of events is due take place.

On Thursday the 8th November Games of Remembrance – two football matches between the British Army and the German Army.

Sunday 11th

The Annual Remembrance Service at 11am.

Nottingham Church bells will ring at 12.30pm to celebrate peace.

Battle's Over - 6.30pm on the Meadows Embankment –concert, poetry and the lighting of the Nottingham beacon to commemorate the peace.

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