

Motion –
by Deputy Christopher Hayward

To be presented on Thursday, 22nd June 2023

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Motion:-

“That this Honourable Court reaffirms the City of London Corporation’s commitment to upholding the Armed Forces Covenant on this Armed Forces Day.

Court notes that:

1. The City of London Corporation signed the Covenant ten years ago, in 2013;
2. The City of London Corporation is currently recognised with a Gold Award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. This scheme is for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant;
3. The Armed Forces Community is of great historic importance to the City of London and it is imperative it is fully integrated, treated fairly with respect and gratitude.

Reaffirming the Corporation’s commitment to upholding the Armed forces Covenant will show the approximately 25,000 veterans who commute into the City, and the 230 veterans who live in the City, that this Honourable Court will continue to work to ensure that – in the words of the Covenant – “Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.”

This Honourable Court therefore commits to reaffirming this commitment by having a renewed Armed Forces Covenant signed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.”

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Proposer)
Deputy Shravan Joshi
Shahnan Bakth
Deputy Ann Holmes
Catherine McGuinness
Caroline Haines

Deputy Simon Duckworth (Seconder)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Alderman Sir William Russell
Mary Durcan
Tijs Broeke