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6th August 2015

Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

1) Has the local authority signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant, as of July 16, 2015?
2) If the answer to Q1 is yes, when did this take place?
3) If the answer to Q1 is yes, how many servicemen and women and their families have been given priority status in applying for Government-sponsored affordable housing schemes since your authority's introduction of the Armed Forces Covenant?
4) If the answer to Q1 is no, how many servicemen and women and their families have been rehoused by the local authority or private registered providers during the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years?
5) Is there any other support given by the local authority in accordance with the Armed Forces Covenant? If so, please state what it is
For question 4, please give the figures separately for each financial year.
For questions 3 and 4, please take 'servicemen and women and their families' to mean 'a household containing at least one member of the Armed Forces, or recent Service leaver'.

The response to your request as follows:

- 1) **Yes**
- 2) **25th June 2015**
- 3) **0**
- 4) **N/A**
- 5) **The circumstances of an armed forces applicant will determine where their application is banded.**

Applicants that are leaving the regular Armed Forces and MoD accommodation, or who left the regular forces within the last 5 years will usually be placed in band 2 provided they have not been dishonourably discharged and there is no intention to evict them. If they have been given notice to leave the accommodation, they can make a homelessness application and may as a result be placed in band 1.

Armed Forces applicants that are dishonourably discharged and either required to leave their forces accommodation or have already left, will be banded according to their housing need. This may be band 3 or 4, depending on the terms of their discharge note and their current housing circumstances.

Armed Forces (including reservists) applicants that have suffered a serious injury, illness or disability attributable to their service: or applicants that are bereaved spouse or civil partner of someone who died as the result of their service, will be placed into band 1+, provided they are no longer entitled to live in forces accommodation or their current accommodation is not suitable for their needs. This additional preference is required by regulation, and it is also given for any other housing circumstances that would usually place the application into band 1.

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Yours Sincerely

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